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PEACE HOPES IN CHINA GET BOOST

Favourable Red Reception For
Non-Partisan Peace Mission
Nanking Optimistic Dr. Sun To See Li?

Nanking, February 17.

Hopes for peace ran high in war-torn China today, following a favourable report from Peiping about the Communist acceptance of the Nationalist non-partisan peace delegation from Shanghai.

Even officials close to acting-President Li Tsung-jen, leading proponent of a peace policy, seemed optimistic.

The latest report from Peiping said that the non-partisan delegation is choosing a representative—probably Dr. Shao Li-tao, ex-ambassador to Moscow—to go into the interior of Communist-occupied North China to interview the Red leader, Mao Tse-tung, himself.

If the meeting is successful, the non-partisan delegation's mission to fix the time and place for official negotiation will be achieved.

The delegation is staying in Peiping's famous six-nation hotel with the Communist Mayor Mr. Yeh Chien-ying. Usually, the hotel is reserved for honoured guests.

Surprised

The arrival relations have surprised some Nationalists here. Observers regard the favourable progress of the delegation as the brightest spot on China's confused scene that has lately been dominated in Nationalist territory by political bickering and slow disintegration of the central Government's control.

Only the persistent efforts of Acting President Li and his close supporters, the observers said, had prevented the split from widening in the Government, caused by the evacuation of Premier Sun Fo's Cabinet to Canton.

Today, Mr. Chen Kai-wel, Secretary-General of the Legislative Yuan, resumed his office duties in Nanking. It is believed that the Legislative Yuan, in addition to the Control Yuan, now intends to remain with Acting President Li in the capital.

Possible Successor

Now it is being suggested in Nanking that his blood pressure may be sufficiently serious to necessitate his resignation. That would open the way for President Li to choose a new premier and bring the Cabinet back into Nanking.

Despite the political, the influential graduate of the Whampoa Military Academy—Chen's Secretary-General Ho Ying-chin, who commands a considerable following among Nationalist military leaders, is regarded by observers as Premier Sun Fo's possible successor.

A report in one Nanking newspaper from Canton today reflected this trend of Nationalist thought. It said that high prices in the Southern city had begun officials and legislators to begin a back to Nanking campaign.

Reds Willing

Meanwhile, the Communist radio is continuing to assure Nationalist China's population that the Chinese Communist Party is willing to co-operate with the millions South of the Yangtze and that the Kuomintang reactionaries would soon meet their just end, making way for a new people's government.

The trend of peace has also assumed a commercial angle. Reports that British and American vessels have been to Communist-occupied Tangku harbour near Tientsin have caused even the Catholic Missionary newspaper in Nanking today to favour the re-opening of trade between the Communist and Nationalist held areas of China.

The newspaper said that it was not right that the Chinese should be only interested in internal politics, and they should neglect their own legal rights of navigation and trade along their own coasts.—United Press.

New Russian
Propaganda
War Seen

Lake Success, February 17. United Nations delegates warned today that Russia may use the United Nations debate into forced labour throughout the world as a springboard for a new sweeping propaganda attack on the United States and the world's other capitalist states.

The United States has proposed the International Labour Organisation and the Human Rights Commission conduct an inquiry into slavery throughout the world and particularly into slave labour conditions as they are alleged to exist in the Soviet Union.

The Economic and Social Council was expected to approve the proposal today. But delegates cautioned the inquiry might backfire on its supporters which already include Britain, France and most of the Latin American countries.

Russia told the Council on Tuesday that an ILO investigation commission would never be allowed inside the Soviet Union. The Western Forum, however, have indicated they were prepared to allow such a Commission inside their countries and their colonies and trust territories.

The delegates said, these on-the-spot reports, particularly from colonies where even the British have admitted in debate formal conditions such as whipping do sometimes exist, may well form a basis for further Russian attacks on the Western powers.—United Press.

Siam Closes
Malay Border

Bangkok, February 17. The Siamese Government today closed the Malay-Siam border and prepared to take strong action to force Communist propaganda and infiltration.

Premier Phibun Songkhram announced that the Cabinet decision to declare a state of emergency had been sent to the Council of Regents for action. The Premier had proposed such action yesterday and warned the Siamese people in a radio broadcast that the country might become involved in a conflict such as in China and Burma.

He told the press that he had received a telegram from Paris intimating that Dr. Ho Chi-minh of Vietnam had definitely joined forces with the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung.—United Press.

WEIZMAN ELECTED
ISRAELI PRESIDENT

Jerusalem, February 17. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, 74-year-old Zionist statesman who devoted his life to Zionism, was elected the first President of Israel today after a long and stormy session of the Constituent Assembly.

His only opponent, Mr. Joseph Klausner, is also 74, and a university professor.

Effects Of
Red China
On Jap Trade

Washington, February 17. The Assistant U.S. Labour Secretary, Mr. John W. Gibson, back from Japan, said yesterday Communist victories in China would force Japan to look elsewhere for markets and supplies, but that General MacArthur was not unduly concerned about threats to the American occupation.

Mr. Gibson, who made a survey of the labour movement in Japan and Southern Korea, with the Army Secretary Mr. Royall, told a news conference that the U.S. programme for economic stabilisation of those areas was on the way to success.

Both Japanese employers and trade union leaders despite controls on wages and prices, told him they were backing the newly declared programme in the interest of the country.

Mr. Gibson said he was recommending to Mr. Royall, and also to the U.S. Labour Secretary, Mr. Tobin, that a committee of American trade union leaders be sent to Japan immediately to meet with their Japanese counterparts to help Japanese labour unions.

He said he also was recommending that a labour advisor be sent to the South Korean Government to help the new Republic solve its labour problems.

Key To Recovery

Mr. Gibson said coal is the key to recovery to Japan and Korea, but productivity is so low he could think of nothing better than for the United States to send equipment and engineering advice to boost the miners' output.

Communists are increasing in Japanese labour unions, he said, and there is no real effort being made to expose them. They are being opposed most successfully in the railroad and coal mining unions, but are strong among the communication workers.

"Sabotage by Communists in the Japanese labour movement is something to be concerned about," Mr. Gibson said, "but I don't think they are yet a threat to the occupation forces."

He said he would also recommend that General MacArthur relax his ruling against Government workers strikes, but he declined to go into detail on what he would propose. This is viewed as one of the important issues involved in the occupation. Last summer it caused the resignation of several of MacArthur's labour advisors who agreed with the MacArthur, no-strike programme.

The Far East Commission continues to discuss Japan's labour policies, but American authorities responsible for furthering Japan's economic recovery are known to feel that SCAP's policies toward Japanese labour will be dictated by the necessity of events.

Although trade unions have grown rapidly, Mr. Gibson said, they are new to the Japanese workers and employers, and so collective bargaining as we know it in the United States is developing slowly and has a long way to go.—Associated Press.

Professor Wu said: "The future for peace is bright, but I believe that the Kuomintang must make more concessions."

The professor said that they came South to see Dr. Sun Fo at the request of President Li and gave the Premier a transcript of the talk between the delegates and the Communists, which Dr. Sun Fo accepted for consideration.

The delegation leader declined to reveal the nature of the proposals made to the Premier, but said that he believed Dr. Sun Fo was willing to settle the civil war issue in a peaceful manner. He added that he will be consulting the Premier again tomorrow and return to Nanking on Saturday to report to the President.

Professor Wu said that the recent apparent difference in views among the delegation, following its return from Peiping, was confined to questions as to what should be stated in public.

Ready For Talks

He affirmed that the Communists were ready to open peace talks within a month and were prepared to pursue a conciliatory line. A verbal assurance was given by the Communists that no attack be made on Nanking and Shanghai before the talks open and their sincerity had been proved by their withdrawal in front of Nanking.

Professor Wu said that he believed the chief obstacle to peace was the re-organization and dispersal of the army. The Communists wanted this carried out before any coalition government can be considered. He believed that the issue over war criminals was merely a bargaining point.

He said he expected the Communist proposals will be given over the Red Radio or by letter.—United Press.

Red-Patterned
Land Reforms
To Be Tried

Nanking, February 17. General Cheng Chen announced today that Communist-patterned land reforms would be implemented in Hunan Province and in Mr. Mao Tse-tung's own native district (Helangshan) first, according to a Central News despatch.

General Cheng, pacification commander of Changsha, said the new reforms would permit each family to possess only 30 to 50 mu (six mu to one acre) of land exceeding the permitted acreage would be required to be sold to non-landowning farmers and to be paid for in instalments over 10 years.

General Cheng said that no former were urgent because the people suffered more from the present inequitable land system than from the war.—United Press.

REV. CALLAN DIES

Maryknoll, New York, February 17. The Reverend John E. Callan, former missionary in Kiating, China, died here today at the age of 46 of cerebral hemorrhage.

Reverend Callan went to China in 1921 and was held by the Japanese in Hong Kong for one year before being repatriated in 1924.—United Press.

Battleship
Returns

The British battleship "Royal Sovereign" (29,150 tons) came home to Rosyth, Scotland, under the Russian flag for the last time. Since 1944 she has been on loan to Soviet Russia. Photo shows three British sailors giving a friendly greeting to the Royal Sovereign as she steams up the Firth of Forth on the way to her moorings.—AP Photo.

India Threatened
With Strike Wave

Singapore, February 17. The President of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation today advised the Federation's General Council not to give notice of strike which would paralyse India's railways.

President Jai Prakash Narain, who is head of the Socialist party, made the recommendation at a meeting called to decide on strike action.

The majority of the Federation's nearly 1,000,000 members previously voted in favour of striking for increased allowances and other benefits.

Mr. Narain pointed out that the Government has already given a number of concessions and commented on the lack of public support for a strike.

He urged that the Communists be ousted from the Federation, asserting they want to strike only because it will create disruption.

Meanwhile, both Government officials and Socialist party officials in New Delhi expressed doubt that the threatened strike of nearly 30,000 postal and telegraph workers will take place.

The workers are members of the Federation of the All-India Posts and Telegraphs Union which is also headed by Mr. Narain. They want a revision of pay scales and rating of their jobs as permanent rather than temporary.

Also threatening to strike are 35,000 members of the All-India Port and Dock Workers' Federation.—Associated Press.

22 Europeans
Sign Up

Among those who signed up for the Defence Force yesterday were 22 Europeans.

The exact figure for those who enrolled yesterday was not available, as many did not go until after 5 p.m. but the number was estimated by a recruiting officer at about 150.

Enrolments today for the Force were composed mostly of Chinese and Malays, said a recruiting officer. "The enthusiasm among this type of volunteer is very gratifying."

Enrolment for the Special Constabulary also continued at satisfactory pace, it was revealed.

The weather was cloudy with a light breeze. The temperature was 75°F. The humidity was 85%. The wind was from the north at 10 mph. The visibility was 10 miles. The barometer was 30.1 inches.

Frame-Work For
Eighth Dominion
Now Being Forged

London, February 17.

The frame-work for Britain's eighth Dominion was forged today beside Victoria Falls in Africa when leaders of Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland unanimously agreed to federate under one constitution.

Thus the dream of Cecil Rhodes, Britain's great empire builder of the 19th century, of a giant African Commonwealth under the British flag, moved one step nearer fulfilment.

The new dominion which may rise out of the Victoria Falls meeting will comprise 475,000 square miles, an area about five times the size of Britain.

According to British newspapers, the moving spirits of the agreement were Mr. Roy Welensky, a member of Northern Rhodesia's Legislative Council, and Sir Godfrey Huggins, surgeon, who has been Rhodesia's Premier for 15 years.

A bigger conference will work out details and submit them to London for Cabinet approval. The proposed constitution, to be drafted by the Constituent Assembly, would create a federal parliament. Dominion status was not expected to be given the new federation for at least three years.

Amalgamation of the three territories was dropped in favour of federation to give each control of its domestic affairs while enabling them to plan common policies. It was believed "benevolent aristocracy" would rule the millions of natives of the three territories until they were capable of self-government.

Self-Governing Southern Rhodesia, with a population of 1,784,000, has been a self-governing colony for 25 years. Northern Rhodesia, with a population of 1,058,000 and Nyasaland with a population of 2,231,000, are protectorates administered by Britain through the Colonial Office.

The Federation will lack a port. None of this huge tract touches the sea.

In Victoria Falls, the Finance Minister of Southern Rhodesia, Mr. E. C. Whitbread, addressing the "Capricorn" Conference here today, urged that Britain should be warned not to oppose the proposed federation of Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

"The United Kingdom should be told that if it vetoes the plan for federation it will be holding up the economic development of Africa," he said.

The conference, which opened here yesterday, has already decided to support the federation scheme, which has been described as the first step towards a federation in Central Africa of

Govt Ready
For Attack

London February 17.

The British Labour Government mustered its full strength for the expected bitter attack by the Conservative Party in the House of Commons today against the sky-rocketing cost of socialist nationalisation, chiefly the State National Health Service.

The Tories demand an economy slash in the £221,000,000 which the Cabinet seeks in supplementary estimates, including an extra £58,000,000 for the health scheme.

The Opposition is expected to criticise mainly what they call gross miscalculation. The health scheme originally was estimated to cost £150,000,000 over nine months of its operation to the end of the financial year April 1 next. Actually it will be £208,000,000.—United Press.

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Death Of Villagers:

Verdict Of Justifiable Homicide Returned

A verdict of justifiable homicide was returned by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at the conclusion of a two-day inquiry into the death of Tang Lin-kam and Tang Ping, villagers of Mong Tseng, on November 30 last.

In his finding, the Coroner said that, in the case of Tang Lin-kam, death was due to asphyxiation by drowning and that in the case of Tang Ping, death was due to haemorrhage and shock as the result of a gunshot wound of the thorax.

"I am in no doubt at all that the deceased men, the two injured men, and Wong Shing-lam, were in illegal possession at that time of at least one Winchester shot gun, one revolver and a quantity of shot gun ammunition, and that they were there for no legal purpose," said the Coroner.

"I disbelieve their explanation that they were there guarding oyster beds. I also find that they did use the fire arms in their possession, probably a revolver, and fired at the police under the mistaken belief that it was a small cargo boat carrying rice."

"The police were perfectly justified in repelling force of a similar nature with force of a similar nature, although in considerably greater volume and in all circumstances no more force was used than was necessary in self-defence and the effecting of the arrest of these men, which was obviously imperative."

Yesterday, two rifles, a Winchester shot gun, two Bren guns, a Sten gun, a revolver, a box of 10 shot gun ammunition, and three loose rounds of shot gun ammunition, formed the exhibits at the inquest.

In the previous hearing on February 14, it was stated by Wong Yuk-lam, Tang Luk-chin and Wong Shing-lam, who were in the same boat as the two men killed, that they were on the watch out for oyster beds, and that those on the decoy boat, used by the police opened fire when ordered by Tang Ping to go away.

Admit Stopping Boats

They admitted that at that time the oyster beds were submerged as there was a high tide running. They also admitted that, before the police craft was stopped, they had stopped two other small boats which they allowed to proceed after discovering that they were carrying rice. Mr. N. B. Fraser, Divisional Superintendent, New Territories, said yesterday that on November 28 and 29 last he received reports of small boats, carrying cargo, being held up by an armed gang at the entrance to Un Long Creek. On the latter night, he said, a woman was drowned as the result of her boat capsizing when the robbers boarded it.

Concluding that the robbers were one gang, he decided to deploy an armed police force to destroy a decoy boat in the vicinity. Sub-Inspectors J. B. M. B. Wall and W. L. Kinloch, a Chinese detective, a constable, three fishermen, and two passengers were on the boat.

The two European officers were armed with a Bren gun each, the detective with a Sten gun, and the constable with a rifle and revolver. They left Lau Fau Shan for the creek entrance at 6 p.m. on November 30, said witness, adding that he also radioed last-minute information to the party

to the effect that the robbers might be operating in two small boats protected by a larger junk armed with a machine gun.

DS Fraser said that he also deployed two land forces on each side of the creek, with himself leading the party on the right bank of Deep Day.

At 8 p.m., when the area was in total darkness, he heard a shot fired, the direction of the creek entrance, followed about 30 seconds later by a burst of machine gun fire.

Mr. R. A. C. Henderson of the Marine Department testified to the tide being highest at 10.30 p.m. on the night in question. It started to rise at 6 p.m., when the oyster beds would be just covered by water, and at 8.30 p.m. the beds would have been submerged to a depth of four feet.

Referring to his visit to the area on January 21 with SI Wall and Kinloch, witness said that the two poles he found stuck on the mud-banks were at least four cable lengths (about 800 yards) from the nearest oyster beds.

SI Kinloch told the court that he, with PC 1941 and a passenger, was in the stern hold of the open boat, while SI Wall and the detective, with another passenger, was in the midway compartment, on the night in question.

Poor Visibility

When the decoy boat arrived at the entrance to Un Long Creek it was very dark, with visibility about 50 yards. Witness was covering the port side, and SI Wall the starboard side. Both were armed with a Bren gun.

At 8.35 p.m. he saw a small boat approaching from the direction of the creek, and there was a tension on board the decoy boat when the small boat was seen approaching. Every one on board was alerted and the police took cover. The fishermen working the boat were instructed to act in a normal manner, which they did.

The boat approached us to about five yards. I could see there were five or six persons standing on the small boat. The boat approached us very swiftly, and the following conversation ensued, in Cantonese. "The men on the small boat asked, 'What boat is this, little brother?' " "We replied, 'What cargo are you carrying?' " "Rice," they replied. "Where did you come from?" "Nam Tin," they replied. "How many bags of rice?" "Ten and several bags."

At this point the police were unable to hear the further conversation as the other boat lost distance, and later, came up from the starboard side. Witness then heard something like, 'Drop your sails, coming from the other boat.' After that, a shot which sounded like the crack of a revolver, was heard. Witness and the other officer on board the decoy boat immediately opened fire at the small boat which was then about 25 yards or more away.

On hearing the cry of 'Save life' from the other boat, the police ceased fire and approached the craft. Witness, on boarding the boat, found three men, two of whom were wounded, clinging to its side. They told him that two men were missing.

SI Wall, with the aid of his Albin lamp, searched the area without success. Witness said that, on searching the other boat, he found no arms or ammunition on board, but that Luk-chin pointed to Wong Shing-lam as the man who had possession of a gun.

On December 2 he returned to the scene of the shooting and found, lying on his face, the body of Tang Lin-kam. This man had a bandolier of shot gun ammunition around him, a piece of cloth around his neck, and a round of ammunition in his pocket.

About 100 yards further towards the sea, he found the body of Tang Ping, who was lying on his back. By his side were two rounds of ammunition. Further forward, was the body of Tang Ping, in whose jacket pocket were found two coils of wire of the type usually used for tying people.

Evidence to the same effect was given by SI Wall and the Chinese detective.

Mr. Charles Mottram, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigations (Kowloon), and Detective Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall led the evidence for the police.

DIVIDEND

RECOMMENDED

The Directors of the Hong Kong Electric Company Limited announced yesterday that at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders on March 17 they will recommend a final dividend of \$2.70 per share.

A sum of \$2,000,000 will be transferred to Special Reserve Fund, \$500,000 to General Reserve, and \$300,000 will be carried forward to 1949.

Fishing Boat As Award



This motor fishing vessel was presented to Mr. Woo Tung-ling, representative of the people of Sing Pang Island, by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham. ("China Mail" Photo).

Criminal Sessions To Open This Morning

The February Criminal Sessions will open at the Supreme Court at 10 a.m. today, when the pleas in 14 cases will be taken by Mr. Justice Williams (Puisne Judge).

In addition to the case of Arthur Frederick May, which was adjourned from the last Sessions, the case of Joseph McGuinness, Vincent Judge and William James McConway, who are charged with rape, robbery with violence, assault occasioning bodily harm and larceny, will also come up for trial.

The following is a full list of the cases in respect of which pleas will be taken:

Ng Yiu—Breach of a Deportation Order.

Li Kwok-on—Robbery by two or more.

Man Kam alias Man Tang—Robbery by two or more.

Li Fat, Lau Fong alias Lau Yee-mui—Two counts of robbery: Wounding with intent.

Sit Ting and Lau Tin—Robbery by two or more and Larceny from the person.

Cheung San-sang and Tsui Shiu-shing—Robbery with violence.

Mal: Kau—Fraudulent taking with intent to procure a ransom: Child stealing: Uttering a letter demanding money with menaces: Conspiracy to utter a letter demanding money with menaces and Conspiracy to demand money with menaces.

Joseph McGuinness, Vincent Judge and William James McConway—Three counts of Rape and being aiders and abettors to the same offence: Robbery with violence: Assault occasioning bodily harm and Larceny.

Lai Fuk alias Lo Fuk, Sheng Yau alias Lo See Ling, and Ng Kau-mul—Robbery by two or more.

Lo Chun Fook—Wounding with intent (adjourned from last Sessions).

Kwok Kwong and Arthur Frederick May—Larceny by a public servant: Falsification of documents with intent to defraud and Conspiracy to defraud (adjourned from last Sessions).

Kwok Kwong—Larceny by a public servant (adjourned from last Sessions).

Yau Kam alias Lai Sheung and Lai Wah-kui—Armed robbery: Wounding with intent.

Rev. Matthews Dies In Peiping

The Reverend Fr. Gregory Matthews, head of the Department of Agriculture at Fu Jen University, in Peiping, died of a heart attack in Peiping recently.

Father Matthews, aged 45, was a native of Germany. After studies in the Gregorian University, Rome, he came to China in 1934. He collaborated with Dr. Joseph Cline Haining in the preparation of anti-typhus serum at Fu Jen's Microbiological Institute.

In 1933 he went to the United States for studies at the University of Chicago and Harvard University, where he received a doctorate in biology. Shortly after his return to China, he published a Chinese textbook on General Biology.

He became head of Fu Jen's Department of Agriculture when it opened in 1936.

Leave To Appeal Granted

Leave to appeal for a hearing of the recent "Hotel Case" was granted yesterday by Mr. Hing-Shing Lo.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, Mr. P. C. Barry, Managing Director, and Mr. W. E. Ehrlich, manager, were convicted in the same court of February 10 on charges of furnishing the Quarantine Authority with a false return of hotel rates.

The hotel and Mr. Barry were each fined \$2,000, and Mr. Ehrlich was fined \$500.

A Painless Peter Potter Sentenced

Strings of teeth hanging from a wooden sign-board, a dental mould, and two phials of pain-killers, formed the exhibits in a case in which 36-year-old Wu Wal-man was charged with practising dentistry without a permit.

Pleading guilty, the count before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, defendant fined \$500 or three months' imprisonment.

Sub-Inspector J.H. Evans said that at 9 p.m. on February 16, Dr. Walter C. Allwright and two Health Department inspectors visited 166 Shanghai Street, first floor, where, in a small public, three found defendant standing by the side of a chair on which was a man.

Defendant was taking an impression of the client's teeth for the purpose of fitting him with a false tooth, which, Wu said, would cost \$10.

The Health Department authorities also found a sign-board hanging out in the street proclaiming defendant's willingness to relieve tooth-aches and to scale teeth for the modest sum of \$1, said SC Evans.

In a defendant's public were two phials of medicine (which Dr. Allwright told the court were the usual pain-killers used in dentistry), and a small sign-board with strings of teeth attached to it.

Wu, in reply to the court, said that he had been in the Chinese for about five years but had only practised dentistry for about a month. He further stated that the mould had always been kept in a glass of water, before being used.

Large Crowd Watches Presentation To Sing Pang Islanders

A large gathering of Qunan's Piar yesterday witnessed the presentation by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, of monetary awards and certificates, and a motor fishing vessel, to Mr. Woo Tung-ling, representative of the people of Sing Pang Island.

The presentation was made in grateful recognition of the help the islanders gave to survivors of the Japanese transport Lisbon Maru which was torpedoed off the island by a submarine on October 3, 1942.

The Governor arrived at Queen's Pier at 3 p.m., accompanied by his ADC, Captain Wilson. He was received by Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, Acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs. Giving a brief account of the rescue, Sir Alexander said:

The Japanese transport Lisbon Maru, transporting 2,000 British prisoners of war from Hong Kong to Japan, was sunk by a submarine on October 2 1942, six miles off Sing Pang Island in the Chusan Archipelago, off the coast of Cheung Province.

Survivors Rescued

Approximately 200 survivors were rescued from the sea by inhabitants of Sing Pang Island under the leadership of Mr. Woo Tung-ling. They were cared for on the evening of October 2 and morning of October 3, 1942. If this had not been done, very many of them would have either been drowned or dashed to pieces by the heavy seas against the more or less perpendicular cliffs of the island.

They were fed, clothed and extremely well treated by the islanders. On the morning of October 3 however, nearly the whole party were obliged to give themselves up to the Japanese who arrived on the island from a Japanese warship.

Three men were, however, successfully hidden and were harboured and fed until October by the islanders on Sing Pang Island at the imminent risk of their lives at the hands of the Japanese. Furthermore, the representative of these islanders has reported that two men of the island were taken off later by the Japanese and not seen again.

It is possible that fear of reprisals would have eventually led the islanders to hand over the three prisoners-of-war to the Japanese had it not been for the initiative and determination of two guerrilla leaders, Mr. Woo Tung-ling and Mr. Wong Kee-nam, who at considerable risk to themselves harboured and looked after these men and finally arranged their escape to Free China by devious routes.

Then followed the presentation of monetary awards and certificates, after which the Governor left the platform, walked over to the steps leading down to the fishing vessel.

Ceremonial Firecrackers

Amidst the firing of a string of firecrackers, traditional Chinese symbols of good luck, Sir Alexander cut the tape drawn across the steps, and handed the vessel over to the new owners.

Among those who shook hands with Mr. Woo Tung-ling, were Major-General P.R.G. Matthews, and Commander C.L. Robertson, representing the Army and the Navy.

Survivors of the Lisbon Maru present at the ceremony included Messrs. H.M. Howell, J. Hill, A. Salmon, J. Campbell, C. G. Hamilton, J. Robertson, T. G. Evans, H. Gormley, F. Woodhead, F.K. Garton, Johnston, and Sergeant R. Miles, RASC.

The motor fishing vessel, 50-ton small type, trawler brought out from England after the war, was refitted in Hong Kong, and named Hal An.

Below are the awards and citations: HK\$10,000 motor fishing vessel to Mr. Woo Tung-ling of Shanghai. The citation said that as Chairman of the Tsinchi-Changai Peoples' Protection Society, Mr. Woo took delivery of the vessel on behalf of the people of work in reducing the Japanese and feeding and clothing 200 British prisoners-of-war.

Relative Award

The relatives of two men, Kang Chi-nun and Shan Shu-tung, executed by the Japanese, were each awarded HK\$637 as compensation for the death of the two men. HK\$100 of the award was a special for the rescue of the prisoners-of-war.

An An and Ah Chi were each presented with Supreme Allied Commander's Certificates for heroism in the face of the enemy and the bravery of their lives. The two men were also given monetary awards of HK\$477 each.

A Supreme Allied Commander's Certificate was also awarded to Wong Kien-nam for addition to be monetary award of HK\$322. The citation said that the plaintiff was made for conveying the last feeding three prisoners-of-war for six days at the imminent risk of his life and that of his family.

Mr. Woo Tung-ling, representative of the people of Sing Pang Island, was awarded HK\$10,000 as a reward for his services in the rescue of the prisoners-of-war.

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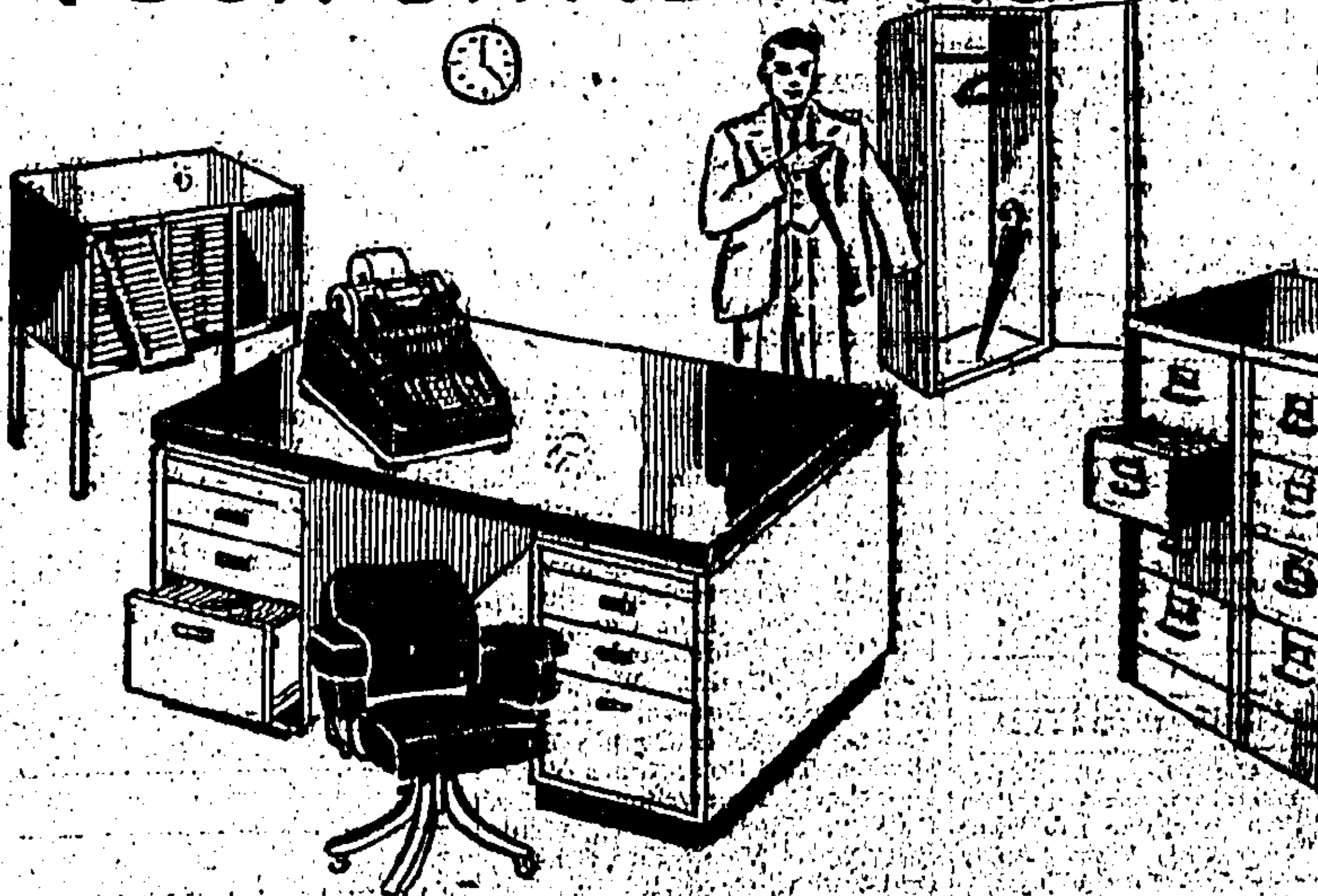
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NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance, 1947,

and
IN THE MATTER of Kwong Tai Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above-named company has lost its Memorandum of Association and that it is proposed to adopt a new Memorandum of Association.

A copy of the proposed new Memorandum of Association may be inspected at the office of the Company at No. 26 Western Street, 1st floor, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, or at the office of Messrs. C. Y. Kwan & Co. of No. 44, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria aforesaid, the solicitors for the Company, at any time during office hours.

Any person who objects to such proposed new Memorandum of Association should state briefly in writing the nature of the objections to such proposed new Memorandum of Association and should file the same with the Registrar of Companies, Supreme Court, Hong Kong, with the address for service within the Colony of the person objecting thereto not later than March 30, 1949.

Dated: February 16, 1949.

C. Y. KWAN & CO.,
Solicitors for the
Kwong Tai Company,
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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 5th day of March, 1949, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 18th of February to Saturday the 5th of March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
A. MORSE,
Chief Manager.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday the 17th day of March, 1949, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1948, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 5th March to 17th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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Hong Kong, Feb. 17, 1949.

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POLICE NOTICE

Police arrangement for the arrival in the Colony of Vice Admiral Sir E.J. PATRICK, BRIND, K.C.B. O.B.E. Commander in Chief For East Station. At Queen's Pier at 11 a.m. on Friday 18th February 1949.

1. CLOSED ROADS.
The following roads will be closed to vehicular traffic from approximately 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

A. Connaught Road Central from Queen's Buildings to junction with Jackson Road.

B. Wardley Street from Chater Road to Connaught Road Central.

2. CAR PARKS.
The following car parks will be closed to parking of motor cars and all cars must be removed therefrom between 8 a.m. and 12 noon.

A. Car parks in Connaught Road Central from Queen's Buildings to the junction of Jackson Road.

B. Car Park in Wardley Street from Chater Road to Connaught Road Central.

3. Traffic Diversion. East bound traffic in Connaught Road C. Between Pedder Street & Ice House Street will proceed on the South side of Connaught Road.

4. Car park additional. Murray Parade Ground will be available as a private car park from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

February 16, 1949.

REGISTRATION FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

All residents of Hong Kong who are willing to offer their services to the community in time of emergency in any capacity are informed that the centre will be set up as from Monday, 14th February, at—

HKVDC Headquarters, Garden Road, Hong Kong—open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Registration is open to both men and women and applicants will be offered the choice of either joining the HKDF, or the Special Constabulary, or of indicating that they are willing to offer to serve in an emergency without electing now to join any specific organization. Further details may be obtained from the officers at the registration centre.

BREAKING UP "SEISHU MARU."

The closing date for receipt of tenders for the breaking up of "Seishu Maru" has been extended and tenders will now be received by Naval Store Officer, H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, not later than Noon, Monday, February 28, 1949.

NOTICE

DR. KHO PEK-PO has commenced practice at 488, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Telephone No. 59335.

Consultation hours:
9 a.m.—12 noon.
3 p.m.—5 p.m.

Service Auction Rooms

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Detective Gets Benefit Of The Doubt

A Royal naval dock-yard detective, Lai Chi-kuang, stood in the dock before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday on the charge of larceny of a wrist-watch from a laundry room on HMS Belin.

Wong Lin Chu, laundryman on board the ship, said that on January 31 a party of detectives came to search the ship. After the second search of the laundry room, he found his wrist-watch missing from his box. He reported the case to his Number One. Later he was shown a watch, which he recognised as his, by Sergeant Dempster, who was in charge of the party.

Sergeant Dempster stated that after receiving the report he was following the accused about two paces behind along the corridor of the ship, when he saw him fling up his right arm. He saw a watch in the air and picked it up. This was claimed by Wong to be his.

Defendant pleaded not guilty and refuted the sergeant's statement as being false saying that he and the defendant were not on good terms.

Remarking that was reasonable doubt in the evidence given, the magistrate discharged the defendant and ordered that the watch be returned to the owner.

Orders For HKVDC

Orders by Colonel L.T. Ride, Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, dated February 17, follow—

Honours and Awards: The following officers from Hong Kong Government Gazette No. 10 dated February 11, 1949 are published—No. 137. The Governor has been pleased to authorise the following awards: Efficiency Medal: 2688 Pte. G.A. Arnold, 2064 Pte. N.J. Robinson; 2009 Pte. V.G. Bond; 1658 CQM. R.C. Butler; 2286 CSM. W.R.K. Collins; 2308 URM. J.A. Delgado; 2480 Pte. M.M. Gifford; 2498 Pte. A. Hung; 2444 Cpl. D. Hume; 2504 Cpl. J.R. Leitch; 1995 Pte. Y.M. Nutter; Dmr. S.J. Pollock; 2467 URM. H.H. Rose; 2465 Pte. Rosa, M.L. de. Efficiency Medal and First Class: 1238 Sgt. W.G. Simpson; First Class to Efficiency Medal: 1703 Sgt. G.B. White; First and Second Class to Efficiency Medal: 425 Sgt. G.T. Padgett, MBE. February 28, 1949.

Registration: A public registration for voluntary service is now being carried out at this HQ between the hours of 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The substance of last week's Orders No. 6/49 paras. 2 and 3 remains in force. (a) All members of HKVDC who intend to join the new Force are asked to register as soon as possible. (b) Volunteers are still required to assist in the re-education of the following: Mess Meetings: There will be a general meeting of the Sergeant's Mess at 6 p.m. on Monday, February 21, at Volunteer Headquarters. In view of the importance of the agenda, all members are requested to attend. The agenda has been circulated to all members.

Photographs of Corps Dinner: A number of photographs taken at the recent Corps Dinner are on view in the Sergeant's Mess at this HQ. Any volunteer wishing to purchase copies can place orders with the QM.

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The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Debate Wanted

Sir—Your correspondent, Mr. M.A. da Silva, claims that he has an overwhelming case against any control whatsoever concerning rates for accommodation and service at hotels, supported by facts and figures, opportunity to represent which was denied him by the Advisory Committee.

I agree with Mr. da Silva that the point at issue is one which should be decided by public vote rather than by a body with an official majority.

Should your newspaper not feel that it has enough space for Mr. da Silva to present his case in full and also that of the residents as a member and former chairman of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents Association I should be glad to join Mr. da Silva in arranging for a platform at which the issue could be publicly debated and, if others better qualified than myself should not come forward, personally to meet his challenge.

E.B. Brasler-Creagh.

St. John Orders

Orders by Mr. A. J. Arculli, Commandant, St. John Ambulance Brigade, dated No. 4/49, follow—

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: February 20 to 26, Confucius Division.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon: February 21 to 27, Kowloon Division.

Football Match Duties: Sunday: Soekunpo, 4 p.m., Wanchai "A" Division, Caroline Hill, 4 p.m., SCAA Division, Boundary Street, 4 p.m., KYMCA Division, HK Football Club, 5.30 p.m., Confucius Division, Sunday: Soekunpo, 4 p.m., Wanchai "B" Division, Boundary Street, 4 p.m., KYMCA Division, Caroline Hill, 4 p.m., 5th Nam Division.

Equipment Returns: Dir. Sur. of the following Divisions will forward their Equipment returns to Brigade HQ immediately: HKYMCA, SCAA, Central, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, Wanchai "A", Shaikwan and Confucius. No further return will be made.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

SURFACE MAIL TO U.K.—A surface mail to United Kingdom—per H.M.S. Carthage will be closed as follows: GPO.

Reg., 9 a.m., February 16.
Ord., 9.30 a.m., February 16.
Kowloon CPO, 9.30 a.m., February 16.

Reg., 9 a.m., February 18.
Ord., 9.30 a.m., February 18.
Kowloon CPO, 9.30 a.m., February 18.

This mail is expected to arrive at London on or about March 21, 1949.

Mail Service by Air and Surface to Tientsin and Peking is temporarily suspended until further notice.

AIRMAIL FROM UNITED KINGDOM DELAYED
The Airmail from United Kingdom, scheduled to arrive on Thursday, February 17, has been delayed and is now expected to arrive on Friday, February 18, 1949.

The Outward Airmail for Japan, scheduled to close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, will now close at 5 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 1949 (Registered mail half an hour earlier).

Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 10 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Post close at 8 a.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Closing Times by Air:
Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m., (GPO) 7 a.m., 9 a.m., Noon, 5 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m., Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.

Ordinary Airmail (printed matters, samples and small packet posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea:
Straits, Ceylon, India, Madagascar, Bombay, Aden, Egypt, Europe via London, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Formosa via Keelung and Shanghai, 10 a.m.

Manila, Honolulu, USA, Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada), (Parcels and Reg.) 1.30 p.m., (Ord.) 2 p.m.

Straits, 5 p.m.

Poochoo and Amoy, 5 p.m.

Danmark, 5 p.m.

Tientsin (via Canton), 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Closing Times by Air:

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m., Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin: Airmail for Chungking, (Reg.) 5 p.m., (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.

Airmail for Taipei, (Reg.) 5 p.m., (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea:
Haiphong, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, 10 a.m.

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

POINTS WORTH SAVING
FEW PEOPLE ever think that being a lightning calculator is of value to a bridge player. But it surely is, in many situations. To take one, suppose you have learned enough about your partner's hand to make you feel sure there is a grand slam in the cards, and you are ready to bid it. Right at that stage, with the last bid of your side at 5-No Trumps, suppose one of the defenders tries to have some innocent fun by doubling you. Are you going to redouble in fury at his temerity or will you go ahead and bid the grand slam in spite of him? Figure out which pays better.

When West doubled that, he sounded as if he were just having some fun, as he clearly expected a grand slam now to be bid. South decided he would stand for no such tomfoolery, so redoubled instead of bidding the big slam. South naturally took all 13 tricks, and chorled until West showed how he had put one over.

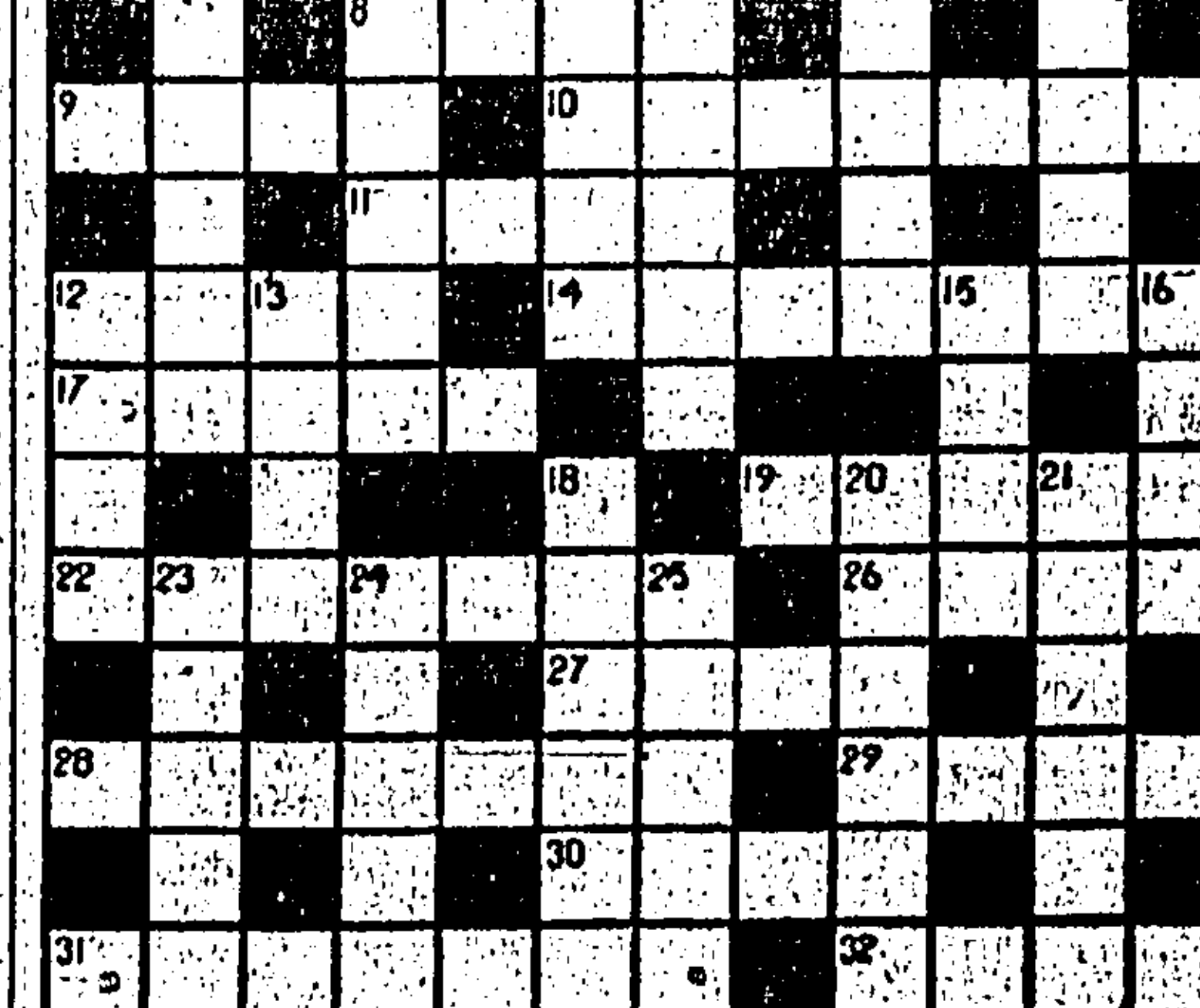
West was not fooling when he doubled that. He knew his scoring, and by his act tricked South out of 250 points. Making the 5-No Trumps redoubled counted 640, two extra tricks at 400 each added 800 and 50 for making contract brought the total to 1,490. South, however, by bidding the grand slam in clubs could have made 1,500 slam bonus plus 140 for tricks, plus 100 for honours, a total of 1,740. Of course the value of the game was not altered in either case.

If such a decision as South's confronts you, please stop and figure out the relative scores before making your verdict.

As soon as South heard North's Blackwood response of 5-Hearts to show two aces, he could count 13 positive tricks at No Trumps, with seven in clubs—three in spades, two in hearts.

Your Week-End Question
If your partner bid hearts first, then diamonds, next rebids his diamonds and after that rebids the hearts, what has he told you about his suit-lengths?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Flows back.
4 Prudent.
8

CINEMA WORLD

ORCHID IN THE DAISY CHAIN

Almost any actress can appear fairly good when the vehicle in which she is appearing is a solid, gripping story. It takes a very good actress to appear good in some vapid chronicle, and an even better one to make that same vapid chronicle worth paying money to see as a film. Yet that is what Joan Crawford does to "Daisy Kenyon," Twentieth Century Fox's contribution to this week's programme at the King's.

That the novel of the same name, by Elizabeth Janeway, could ever have been a best-seller, as it is claimed, leads one to suppose that there is still an inordinate number of servant-girls in the English-speaking world.

Basically it is the age-old tale of that well-known human adventure into geometry, the triangle. Miss Crawford is, of course, the apex—if that is the right expression. It would be much more satisfactory to refer to her as the hypotenuse. Then one could say that her square is equal to the sum of the squares on the other two sides. In terms of entertainment value and ability (in this film, at least) that is accurate.

That is not to say that there is any great fault in the performance of Dana Andrews and Henry Fonda. Both are competent actors, and what more, have proved it. But not in "Daisy Kenyon." The script has them under its thumb. The Daisy Kenyon of the piece is a career woman, a magazine illustrator, inevitably in this kind of story she is introduced to the customers while in the throes of a soul-battering affair with a handsome, masterful character who has (strictly according to the rules) wealth, a wife and two children. It is Mr. Andrews who bears these assorted crosses.

It is as obvious to the patrons in the stalls as it is to those in the dress circle that this cannot go on. Sure enough, the enter girl (not wishing to confuse the customers) realises that she cannot handle the additional role of

"the other woman." Comes the tear-stained parting.

Scarcely have the sobs died down when the career one is hurrying down the aisle with the third side of the triangle (Mr. Fonda) who is an ex-Ol' amorous wife, designing fishing craft the while. He, too, has a mild cross to bear in the shape of a memory of a previous spouse who died tragically.

There follows, in the true style of the paper-backed passionette, the active unwillingness of the first gentleman to believe that Daisy could possibly prefer the second gentleman in spite of the marriage, the divorce scene in which Daisy is cited as co-respondent, and the subsequent settling down of the whole bubbling broth in a highly satisfactory and moral fashion.

Indeed, the more the story is contemplated the more one admires Miss Crawford. Similarly, much credit must be given to Otto Preminger, who directed, and to the various technicians who smoothed what must have been a lumpy path for the whole cast.



Joan Crawford in one of the many tense moments which she makes the most of in "Daisy Kenyon." Miss Crawford plays the part of a magazine illustrator with one too many men in her life.

A VERY PRETTY PICKLE

About the only people who will not enjoy "Out Of The Blue," Eagle-Lion's Hollywood offering at the Lee this week, are the pillars of temperance societies and those whose eyebrows lift in time, with the elbows of others.

This is caused by the film's complete preoccupation with the activities of, and on behalf of, a sprightly wench who flies through the story with one wing low, using the level of brandy in a bottle as an artificial horizon. Ann Dvorak is the tasty tippler and undoubtedly she takes the honours in the laugh department.

For once, this is a comedy with no pretensions. No effort has been made to tell a sensible story and every effort has been made to keep the action swift, simple and completely crazy. The result is an unqualified success.

The nonsense starts with hen-pecked husband George Brent and spearhead spouse Carole Landis quarrelling over a dog belonging to neighbour Turhan Bey, an artist. The dog's hit-and-run tactics on a zinnia bed bring about a demand from wife that Brent gets Bey removed from his apartment. Wife then holidays off for the week-end.

Brent gets himself picked up and followed home by God's gift to distillers, Ann Dvorak. It turns out she has a weak heart. This is demonstrated when she plays off in a faint on Brent's terrace.

Thinking she is dead, Brent



Virginia Mayo makes a very suitable fiancée for Turhan Bey in "Out Of The Blue." He plays an artist and is therefore required to have good taste in selecting a girlfriend.

humps her over onto Bey's terrace. Bey is not particularly amused, even less so when police complications set in. However, things are smoothed out in that direction and Bey opens the way for one of the funniest scenes in the film by dressing up a life-size dummy to represent Miss Dvorak and calling in Brent to assist in a burial service.

Virginia Mayo projects here admirable physique into the melting pot as Bey's fiancée. It is to her credit that she contributes to the humour of the piece as well as to its generally attractive appearance.

The nonsense carries on with sustained tempo till the ultimate sorting out is achieved and everybody is allowed to show clearly before the curtain falls that they are going to live happily ever after. For those with an over-serious turn of mind this is all going to be a little trying if they let themselves get roped in to see it, but for those with a few hearty guffaws looking for an outlet it is just what the doctor ordered.

Take Your Pick

Hollywood.

A play boy who has dated nearly every glamour girl in town has stuck his handsome neck out. Robert Stack offers a list of the seven best dates.

Number one on Stack's list, as on many a man's, is Lana Turner. Evelyn Keyes, now married to director John Huston, is the girl Stack picks for a rainy night in front of a fire.

Jane Powell is the girl to take roller-skating when you can't afford anything else.

Betty Grable, now Mrs. Harry James, is, believe it or not, a good date when you want to play golf. Deanna Durbin was Stack's idea of a perfect date for a premiere.

When he felt like taking down the top of his convertible, Stack dated Yvonne de Carlo.

Wanda Hendrix is the right date for an evening at the Hollywood Bowl.

NO TALK TO SPOIL THE VIEW

Primarily, a film is something to be seen, a point which is forgotten as often by the spectator as by the producer. Hence it is occasionally both interesting and instructive to attend a film which can be appreciated by the eyes alone.

Such is "Spring Light," a Pank Film Industries Corporation (Shanghai) production coming to the Lee this week. As there will be no English titles and not even an English translation of the story in the programme the non-Chinese viewer will be on his own from the start.

The story appears to be about a girl who, while fleeing from her war-torn village, is picked up by a smooth and somewhat shady character. Though pleasant and attractive at first, this gentleman, after he has married the girl, turns out to be something less than Prince Charming.

A true-blue boyfriend of the girl's, left behind when she took to the refugee trail, and later presumed dead, turns up to give the film a happy ending of sorts.

It is refreshing to be able to watch the images on the screen without the all too frequent infliction of a lot of nonsensical dialogue to interfere with the visual impressions. True, it is not always possible to know exactly what is happening in the story. But one can always use a little imagination (if one still has any after a lifetime of looking at Hollywood) and one can derive a great deal of enjoyment from the devotion of one's com-

Cupid Has Four Legs

Hollywood. The comedienne Marie Wilson and her husband, Allan Nibon, are back together again because their pet Yorkshire terrier, named Hobbs, got lonesome.

Miss Wilson cancelled divorce plans after her actor husband slipped into her apartment and left the terrier with a note attached to his collar reading: "Dear Mother, my father can't keep me in the manner to which I'm accustomed. I have not eaten or drunk all day. I don't even enjoy passing a lamp post. I'm very lonesome, so I guess I'm all yours."—United Press.

plete attention to the acting for a change.

"Spring Light" has some very fine photography and excellent direction which make it worthwhile for anybody. The first and last scenes (both fairly long) could take their place with pride alongside the best that has been produced elsewhere. It is significant that in neither of these is speech used to any extent. Subtle use of the camera and lighting and sensitive acting make it unnecessary.

It is only fair to mention that the standard of photography and direction mentioned above does not seem to have been maintained throughout, and that some of the shots (presumably from stock) are downright poor. However, for someone who enjoys seeing films but is suffering from a slight surfeit of tediously slick super-productions, this is the answer.

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Italy Declares War

By Winston Churchill

Mr. Churchill had sent Mussolini a message on May 16 appealing to him "to stop a river of blood from flowing between the British and Italian peoples." Mussolini replied that "Italian policy today and tomorrow in the face of any event whatsoever" was guided by the Italo-German Treaty. He also referred to the "state of servitude in which Italy finds herself in her own sea."

FROM this moment we could have no doubt of Mussolini's intention to enter the war at his most favourable moment. His resolve had in fact been made as soon as the defeat of the French armies was obvious. On May 13 he had told Ciano that he would declare war on France and Britain within a month. His official decision to declare war on any date suitable after June 5 was imparted to the Italian Chiefs of Staff on May 29. At Hitler's request the date was postponed to June 10.

On May 26, while the fate of the Northern Armies hung in the balance and no one could be sure that any would escape, Reynaud flew over to England to have a talk with us about this topic, which had not been absent from our minds. The Italian declaration of war must be expected at any moment. Thus France would burn upon another front, and a new foe would march hungrily upon her in the South. Could anything be done to buy off Mussolini? That was the question posed.

I did not think there was the slightest chance, and every fact that the French Premier used as an argument for trying only made me surer there was no hope. However, Reynaud was under strong pressure at home, and we on our side wished to give full consideration to our Ally whose one vital weapon, her Army, was breaking in her hand.

French Withdrawal

Although there was no need to marshal the grave facts, M. Reynaud dwelt not obscurely upon the possible French withdrawal from the war. He himself would fight on, but there was always the possibility that he might soon be replaced by others of a different temper.

We had already on May 25 at the instance of the French Government made a joint request to President Roosevelt to intervene. In this message Britain and France authorised the United States to undertake Italy had territorial grievances against them in the Mediterranean, that we were disposed to consider at once any reasonable claims, that the Allies would admit Italy to the Peace Conference with a status equal to that of any belligerent, and that we would invite the President to see that any agreement reached now would be carried out.

The President acted accordingly; but his addresses were repulsed by the Italian dictator in the most abrupt manner. At our meeting with Reynaud we had already this answer before us. The French Premier now suggested more precise proposals. Obviously, if these were to remedy Italy's "state of servitude in her own sea," they must affect the status both of Gibraltar and Suez. France was prepared to make similar concessions about Tunis.

Cabinet's Answer

I found my colleagues very stiff and tough. All our minds ran much more on bombing Milan and Turin the moment Mussolini declared war, and seeing how he liked that, Reynaud, who did not at heart disagree, seemed convinced or at least content. The next we could promise was to bring the matter before the Cabinet and send a definite answer the next day. Reynaud and I lunched alone together at the Admiralty. The following telegram, the greater part of which is my own wording embodied the conclusions of the War Cabinet. Minister to M. Reynaud: "I have, with my colleagues, examined with the most careful and sympathetic attention the proposal for an approach, by way of precise offer of concessions, to Signor Mussolini that you have forwarded to me today, fully realising the terrible

situation with which we are both faced at this moment. . . . In the formula prepared last Sunday by Lord Halifax it was suggested that if Signor Mussolini would co-operate with us in securing a settlement of all European questions which would safeguard our independence and form the basis of a just and durable peace for Europe, we should be prepared to discuss his claims in the Mediterranean. You now propose to add certain specific offers, which I cannot suppose would have any chance of moving Signor Mussolini, and which once made could not be subsequently withdrawn in order to induce him to undertake the role of mediator, which the

formula discussed on Sunday contemplated. . . . and my colleagues believe that Signor Mussolini has long had it in mind that he might eventually fill this role, no doubt counting upon substantial advantages for Italy in the process. But we are convinced that at this moment when Hitler is flushed with victory and certainly counts on early and complete collapse of Allied resistance it would be impossible for Signor Mussolini to put forward proposals for a conference with any success. I may remind you also that the President of the U.S.A. has received a wholly negative reply to the proposal which we jointly asked him to

make, and that no response has been made to the approach which Lord Halifax made to the Italian Ambassador here last Saturday.

Stout Hearts

Therefore, without excluding the possibility of an approach to Signor Mussolini at some time, we cannot feel that this would be the right moment, and I am bound to add that in my opinion the effect on the morale of our people, which is now firm and resolute, would be extremely dangerous. You yourself can best judge what would be the effect in France.

You will ask, then, how is the situation to be improved? My reply is that by showing that after the loss of our two (Northern) armies and the support of our Allies we still have stout hearts and confidence in ourselves we shall at once strengthen our hands in negotiations and draw the admiration and perhaps the material help of the U.S.A.

Moreover, we feel that as long as we stand together our undefeated Navy and our Air Force, which is daily destroying German fighters and bombers at a formidable rate, afford us the means of exercising in our common interest a continuous pressure upon Germany's internal life.

We have reason to believe that the Germans, too, are working to a time-table, and that their losses and the hardships imposed on them together with the fear of our raids is undermining their courage. It would indeed be a tragedy if by too hasty an acceptance of defeat we threw away a chance that was almost within our grasp of securing an honourable issue from the struggle.

In my view if we both stand out we may yet save ourselves from the fate of Denmark or Poland. Our success must depend first on our unity, then on our courage and endurance.

Italy At War

This did not prevent the French Government from making a few days later a direct offer of their own to Italy of territorial concessions, which Mussolini treated with disdain. "He was not interested," said Ciano to the French Ambassador on June 3. "He was covering any French territories by peaceful negotiation. He had decided to make war on France." This was only what we had expected.

On June 10 at 4.45 p.m. the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs informed the British Ambassador that Italy would consider herself at war with the United Kingdom from 1 a.m. the next day. A similar communication was made to the French Government. When Ciano delivered his note to the French Ambassador, M. Francois-Poncet remarked as he reached the door: "You too will find the Germans are hard masters."

The British Ambassador, Sir Percy Loraine, received the announcement with perfect composure and apparent indifference. He asked only one question: Was Ciano's statement early news or were given to the Navy to intercept? Ciano replied it was the latter. Loraine then made a formal bow and left the room without another word.

From his balcony in Rome Mussolini announced to well-organised crowds that Italy was at war with France and Britain. It was, as Ciano is said to have apologetically remarked, later on, "A chance which comes only once in five thousand years." Such chances,



The Artists' League of America has listed woman's 10 most perfect features as forehead, nose, eyes, lips, ears, cheek bones, chin, shoulders, thighs and legs. Completely unorganised artists in Paris are reported puzzled by a feeling of incompleteness.

"Australia as Britain's Arsenal in the Pacific." What for? A cup final with the Russian Dynamos?

"Braves and Squaws Swing Jive," says teen age item. In our day it was, "naively, 'Boys and Girls Come out to Play.' Time Jitterbugs on.

Eye disease affects Renault motor factory. A bite for sore eyes?

Peddlers selling silver dollars in Shanghai were charged with damaging the national currency. Worse, added the police, they were blocking the traffic.

Not cottoning to the idea of Jap textile competition, foreign interests think it should be nipped in the bud.

There is no truth in the suggestion that "translators" in Hong Kong will be made to wear a distinctive badge so that shopkeepers, as well as hoteliers, can indulge their sporting instincts under Government licence, of course.

All racial bars to immigration into the United States are to be lifted. Surely the Ku Klux boys aren't running short of material for these happy get-togethers?

Burmese peasant's cry: "Never let a Chettyar cheat you."

Holland has got itself in Dutch with the Indonesians.

"Strategic Ichang Shelled." And the Nationalists? Ichang to fight back.



"This is the reply from Washington!"

though rare, are not necessarily good.

Fortwith the Italians attacked the French troops on the Alpine front and Great Britain reciprocally declared war on Italy. The five Italian ships detained at Gibraltar were seized and orders were given to the Navy to intercept and bring into controlled ports all Italian vessels at sea. On the night of the 12th our bomber squadrons, after a long flight from England which meant light loads, dropped their first bombs upon Turin and Milan. We looked forward, however, to a much heavier delivery as soon as we could use the French airfields at Marseilles.

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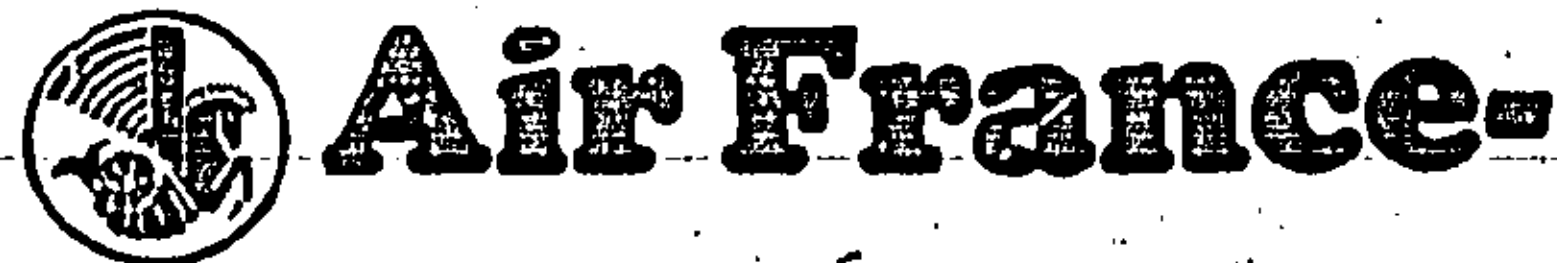
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Lesson 23

Vocabulary:
129. (shai) shai²
130. (me) meh¹

Useful phrase:
(16) "M duk¹ haan¹"

Questions and Answers:
(A) Shai² m shai²?

Yeeoo³.
M shai².

(B) Shai² m shai² tseen²?

Yeeoo³ tseen².
M shai² tseen².

(C) Shai² m shai² wah¹

kui jee¹?
Yeeoo³ wah¹ kui jee¹.

M shai² wah¹ kui jee¹.

Conversation:
A. Nay¹ m shai² faan¹ gung¹

meh¹?
B. Gum¹ yut¹ hai¹ Lai¹

Bai¹ Yut¹.
M shai² faan¹ gung¹.

A. Nay¹ duk¹ haan¹,
tung¹ ngaw¹ seh¹ dee¹

yeh¹ duk¹ m duk¹ ah¹?
B. Ngaw¹ yeeoo³ hui¹ geen¹

gung¹.
m duk¹ haan¹ seh¹?

B. Seh¹ mut¹ yeh¹ neh¹?
M goy¹ nay¹ bay¹ ngaw¹

tai¹ hah¹ lah¹.
Nay¹ hui¹ geen¹ mut¹

yeh¹ gung¹ ah¹?
A. Yau¹ gaan¹ ngun¹ hong¹

seung¹ tseng¹ yut¹ gaw¹
dah¹ jee¹?

B. Shai² m shai² ngaw¹
tung¹ nay¹ hui¹ ah¹?

A. M shai² lok¹, M goy¹
lok¹.
Ngaw¹ yut¹ gaw¹ yun¹

hui¹ duk¹ lok¹.
B. Tsing¹ faan¹ lai¹ shik¹

faan¹ lah¹!
A. M shai² lok¹. Daw¹ dzeh¹

lok¹.
Don't bother. Thank you.

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HOLLAND REJECTS DEMANDS

Underground Government In Java

Batavia, February 16. Underground Indonesian sources say that a clandestine Indonesian Government, including four Ministers of the former Republican Cabinet, has been formed in Java.

The new Government is named "Commissariat of Emergency Government, Republic of Indonesia."

The four ex-Ministers, who escaped from Jogjakarta, the old Republican capital, during the Dutch parachute attack, are Dr. Sukiman, former Home Minister; Dr. Sumantri Tirtoprodjo, former Minister of Justice; Mr. Kasimo, former Minister of Food; and Mr. Supeno, former Minister of Reconstruction.—United Press.

GOOD TIME GIRLS IN ECLIPSE

Warrington, Lancashire, February 15.

The "Good Time Girls," who have been visiting this town in force since the American servicemen moved into nearby Burtonwood camp last September, are being questioned by local and American military police, and publicans are refusing to serve them.

Chief Constable Summer said there has been a distinct improvement in the town's atmosphere since the police began to question them on the streets and make surprise visits to dance halls, clubs and pubs.

Recreation officials at the vast Burtonwood camp have provided a lavish programme of off-duty past-times for the servicemen.

The sports include boxing, basketball and football, and the camp has libraries, film shows and rooms for all hobbies, a camp official said.

Many of the men, who service planes for the Berlin airlift, expect to remain for two or three years, and have brought their families from America.—Reuter.

Luzon Volcano May Erupt

Manila, February 17.

The volcano island within Lake Taal, Luzon—fear and superstition shrouded—has threatened to erupt again after 38 years and has sent an estimated 2,000 women, children and old people to the neighbouring shores for safety.

Governor Feliciano Leviste has asked the Philippine air force to bomb the Taal crater, in hopes that it will relieve the internal pressures believed to be generating in one of the world's most explosive active volcanoes.

In view of these anxieties, Mr. Arturo Alcaraz, of the Philippine Weather Bureau, is recommending that a man be stationed on the island to watch for structural changes.

Mr. Alcaraz headed a small inspection party which looked for two days for signs that Taal might erupt in the near future.—Associated Press.

Republican Authority In Java Not To Be Restored BEEL PLAN FOR INDONESIA

The Hague, February 16.

The Dutch Government can not possibly fulfil the demands of the Indonesian Republicans that all political prisoners be freed and the former Republican authority in Jogjakarta restored.

Dr. H. Van Maarseveen, the new Minister for Overseas Territories, said this today.

He told the Second Chamber at The Hague that he regrets that the Security Council made the United Nations Commission for Indonesia competent to deal with the Indonesian Federalist States.

The Dutch Government considers this a violation of its sovereignty, he added.

Holland's Indonesian policy has been largely misunderstood abroad, the Minister said. "We cannot repeat too often that both the Dutch Government and the Security Council have the same aims with regard to Indonesia," he added.

The Dutch Government is prepared to give the Indonesian Republicans an opportunity to participate in the future Federal Government, but there is no sign of Republican willingness to accept this, he said.

The Prime Minister, Dr. Willem Drees, told the Chamber that with regard to the resignation of Mr. E. M. J. A. Sassen, former Minister for Overseas Territories, there had been tension in the Cabinet, not on questions of principle, but on questions of practical policy.

The Chairman of the Chamber, M. L. G. Kortenhorst, said that the Government hopes to make a statement on its Indonesian policy after consulting Dr. Louis Beel, the High Commissioner in Indonesia, who arrived at Amsterdam this afternoon.

Beel Plan

M. Maarseveen said Holland does not want a complete break with the United Nations, but neither do they want chaos in Indonesia.

A total rejection of the Security Council's resolution would mean a complete break with the United Nations, and that would cause chaos in Indonesia. To overcome the deadlock on the establishment of an Interim Federal Government, the Minister said, proposal had been submitted by Dr. Beel.

Broadly speaking, this "Beel Plan" covers three points:

1. The United States of Indonesia to be named "the Republic of the United States of Indonesia."

2. Sovereignty to be transferred as soon as possible.

Separate Treaties

The Netherlands Government is prepared to co-operate once a representative Federal Government is formed. A statute for the Netherlands-Indonesian Union will have to be achieved before such transfer of sovereignty.

Separate treaties will also have to be made, after which Indonesia can constitutionally organise itself.

3. A round-table conference at The Hague to arrange for the speedy transfer of sovereignty after the formation of an Interim Government.

The Government has agreed in principle to this plan, M. Maarseveen declared.

The question of restoring the Republican Government will automatically be solved when an agreement reached with the Republican leaders, he said.

Rumours Denied

Dr. Beel emphatically denied at Amsterdam rumours that he planned to submit his resignation as Royal Dutch Commissioner in Indonesia. He could not make a statement on the political situation at this juncture but described as very favourable the decision of the United Nations Commission for Indonesia to postpone until March the date for the sending of a report to the Security Council on Indonesia.

His consultations with the Dutch Government will begin tomorrow.

Political circles regard today's Government statement on Indonesia as having cleared the air considerably. The press has been freely prophesying during the past two days that Dr. Beel was returning to Holland for a fight with the Cabinet or even to resign.

The announcement by M. Maarseveen that the Government accepted the general lines of the "Beel Plan" and are prepared to give the Republican leaders virtual freedom to take part in discussions for a settlement is felt to make the prospects today brighter than at any time since January 28, when the Security Council's resolution was passed.—Reuter.

Bright Outlook In Rhodes Talks

Rhodes, February 16.

Transjordan-Israeli armistice talks will open in the middle of next week if an Egyptian-Israeli agreement is reached as expected within the next few days, according to usually reliable sources here today.

A Lebanese-Israeli armistice is also very close, a source in touch with the Israeli delegation said.

A slight delay in the signing of the agreement with Egypt may be expected because the Egyptians will have to send the completed text to Cairo for approval.

This should not take more than 24 hours, however, according to an authoritative conference source, who added that the Egyptians have assured the acting mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, that this is only a formality.

The Egyptian and Israel delegations are putting the finishing touches to the part of the agreement affecting Ajlun, the previously disputed Southern Negev town which is to become the headquarters of the Armistice Commission.

Both sides are next expected to consider the question of Beersheba, the capital of the Negev where the Israelis are expected to remain. The composition of the Armistice Commission is also among the items which have still to be settled.

General William Riley, Chief of Staff to Dr. Bunche, is expected to head the Commission nominally, but it is predicted that he will delegate senior United Nations military officers to deputise for him on the spot.

A source close to the Israeli delegation today said that the main bone of contention between Israel and Lebanon, the return of nine Israeli-held Lebanese villages, has been settled. The Israelis have agreed to return the villages.

Country Vicar's Plea Of Guilty

London, February 17.

Sentences on the Reverend Bernard Davies, a Protestant vicar, was today postponed until Friday after Mr. Justice Finmore said he wants more time to consider it.

Mr. Davies is at present Vicar of Claxby, Lincolnshire, and had pleaded guilty to six charges of making false entries in marriage registers, but not guilty to charges of fraudulently converting money.

At the Old Bailey today, the jury at the judge's direction, found him not guilty on the fraudulent conversion, or stealing, charges.

All the charges arose out of the marriage of six couples at St. Stephen's Church, London, where Mr. Davies was vicar till last September.

Five of the bridegrooms and one bride had been divorced. But Mr. Davies is stated to have charged them in the registers as widowers and a widow.—Reuter.

Russian Objection On Indonesia

Lake Success, February 17.

Russia objected vigorously on Wednesday to a request by the UN Indonesian Commission for more time to draft recommendations on the Dutch-Indonesian conflict.

The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Jakob A. Malik, told the Security Council that if it grants this request it would be tantamount to conniving with the forces of aggression in Indonesia.

Despite the Soviet protest, the Council agreed without a formal vote to grant the two weeks delay asked by the Commission.

Malik did not insist on pressing the question to a showdown. Malik alleged that the Dutch already had ignored the Council's order to cease fire and added:

"Postponement is designed to be used by Dutch troops for further acts of aggression."

The Commission, made up of representatives of Belgium, Australia and the U.S., was set up by the Council on January 28 and directed to report to the Council by February 16 with recommendations for a solution if the parties had not reached agreement by that date.

Taken By Surprise

The telegram addressed to Dr. T. F. Tsiang of China, this month's council president, said: "In the light of recent developments at the Hague the Commission recommends that the reporting date be postponed to March 1."

The British delegate, Sir Alexander Cadogan, said he thought the Council had been taken by surprise. He said he is not prepared to discuss the substance of the Indonesian question at this time.

Sir Alexander urged the Council to accept the commission's request.—Associated Press.

LEGATION SCARE

London, February 16. The Israeli Legation was temporarily evacuated today after an anonymous telephone caller said the building would be bombed this afternoon.

A Scotland Yard bomb squad searched the building without finding any trace of a bomb. The staff then went back to work.—United Press.

Malan's Temporary Relapse

Capetown, February 16.

The 75-year-old South African Premier, Dr. Daniel Malan, faltered and suddenly sat down during a speech to the House of Assembly today.

Dr. Malan left the House without resuming his speech, but came back later. Nothing is seriously wrong with him and he suffered a temporary relapse because of over-work, combined with low blood pressure.

When the Premier sat down after appearing to lose track of his notes, the Opposition Leader, General Jan Smuts, walked over and spoke to him. Dr. Malan waved him away and left the Chamber, unassisted, soon afterwards.

At the first opportunity to speak after his return to the House, Dr. Malan said he thought he owed Members an explanation for the interruption, which was not the result of any serious physical causes.

He said that no serious consequences are expected and the cause is entirely of a passing nature.

Opposition leaders expressed their sympathy, and said it gave them as much satisfaction as the Government to know that the disability is only temporary.—Reuter.

SPITFIRES IN COLLISION

London, February 16.

Two Spitfires collided in mid-air about two miles off Harlech, Merionethshire, beach today and of them hurtled into the sea. The other aircraft managed to struggle back to its base.

Royal Air Force planes from Llanbedr guided lifeboats to the scene but their search for the wreckage was in vain. After nearly two hours the search was called off.

The missing plane, with one occupant, Pilot L.J. Cowlings, came from Llanbedr.—Reuter.

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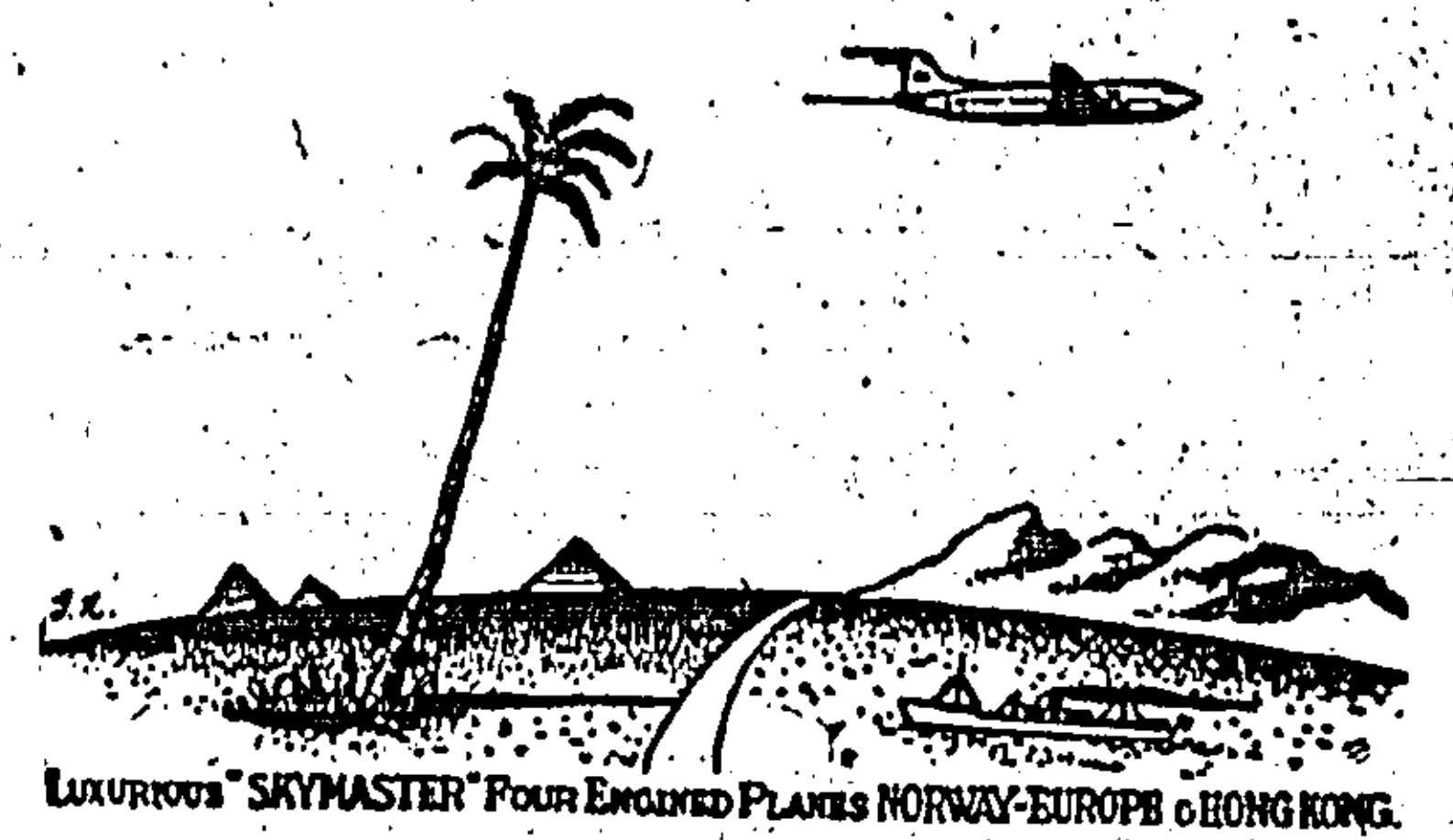
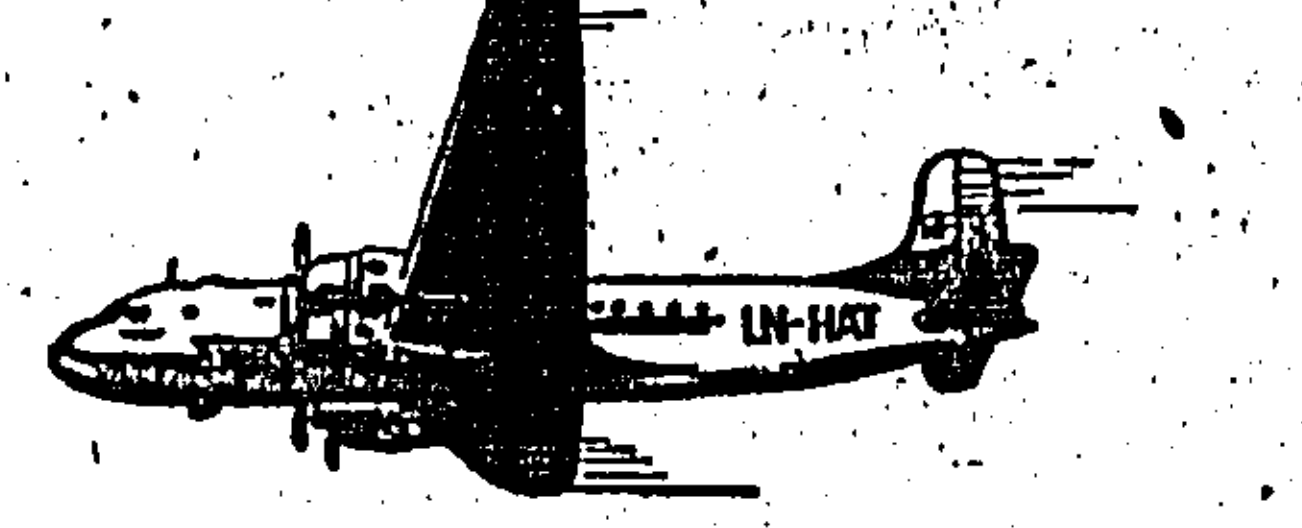
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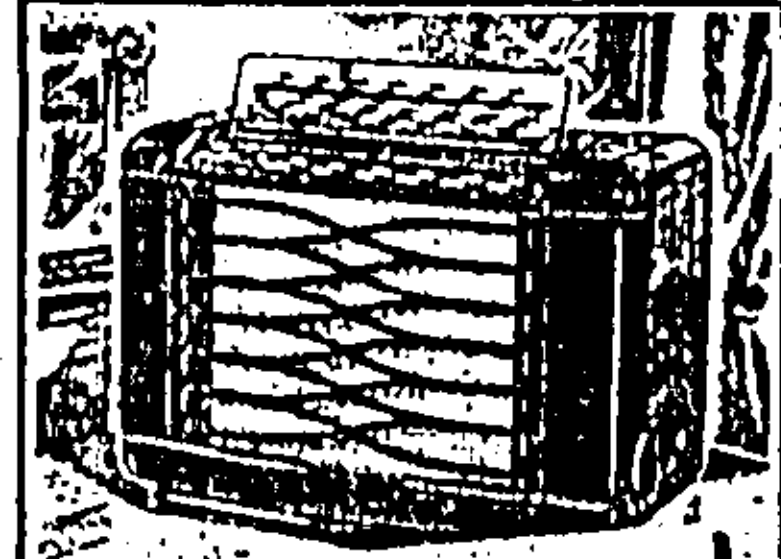
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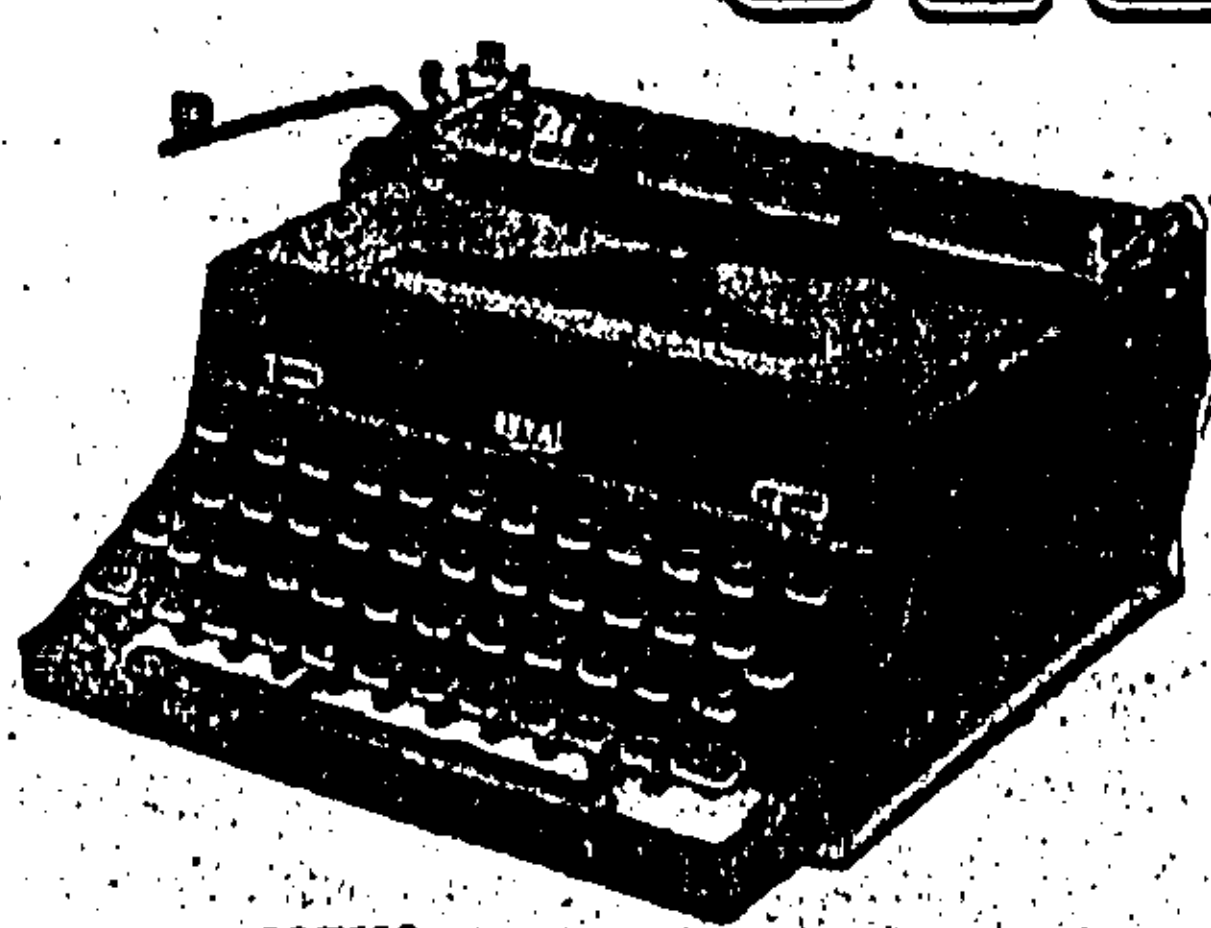
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WESTERN EUROPE REFUSES TO BE CAUGHT NAPPING

London, February 16.

The military chiefs of Europe's Western Union are rushing work on a radar "fence" to guard their five countries against a surprise air attack. The first hint that an electronic "East Wall" is being built came with the publication of a White Paper, which said that Britain is furnishing radar equipment and jet fighters to her Brussels partners.

SWEDEN BUILDS UP AIR FORCE

Stockholm, February 17.

About 1,000 planes, many of them jet-engined, have been added to the Swedish Air Force since the end of the war, Mr. Allan Vout, Swedish Minister of Defence, disclosed today. Sweden has spent about 1,000,000,000 crowns on new materials after the war, he said. Mr. Vout also disclosed that Swedish aircraft factories are now building a Swedish jet fighter with an estimated top speed of more than 620 miles an hour.

He made his statements at a conference in Stockholm arranged by the national voluntary defence organisation "People and Defence".

Speaking at the same conference, the Premier, Tage Erlander, said: "It is easy to say that we cannot keep out of a future war. The Swedish Government, however, does not share this view."

"This is not the time to throw up your hands and wait for foreign aid only,"—Associated Press.

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12.15 p.m.—Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father R. W. Gallagher S.J. (Studio)

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.45 p.m.—Mantovani and His Orchestra and Stephen Manton. (Vocal)

1.00 p.m.—Accent on Rhythm. (HDC78)

1.05 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"Music For You."

2.00 p.m.—"Close Down."

2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.

2.10 p.m.—Composer Cavalier: Geoffrey Harmon. Vocal and Orchestral. (HDC78)

2.15 p.m.—Cantonese by Radio given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and S. K. Lee. (Studio)

2.30 p.m.—Joe Daniels and His Hot Shots.

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.15 p.m.—Sporting Preview. (Studio)

7.30 p.m.—Variety Band Box From the Golden Green Hippodrome. (London. (HDC78)

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—"The Man born to be King" by Dorothy L. Sayers. 9th Play: "The King's Supper." (HDC78)

8.25 p.m.—Music from the Films.

9.15 p.m.—A Story: "Here comes the Copper" by Henry Wade. Read by Clifford Davies. (Studio)

9.35 p.m.—A Short Programme of the Music of Dvorak.

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Rev. (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—A Max Beerbohm Story. (London Relay) "Not that I would boast" (Adapted for Radio by Christopher Sykes). Max Beerbohm played by James McKechnie.

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

The official announcement said that Meteor and Vampire jets—latest model interceptor types—are being shipped to France and the Netherlands and that plans for local manufacture of similar planes in those countries are well advanced.

The White Paper added: "Ground radar equipment is also being furnished from the United Kingdom for an integrated early warning system."

No details are given.

British sources tonight filled in some blanks on methods which probably will be used to guard Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg against blitz raids.

Tight "Mosh"

Well-concealed radar stations will be set up along the outer border of all five nations, close enough to weave an invisible but tight enough "mosh" to detect even relatively small guided missiles as well as enemy bombers.

Stations in all five countries will be linked to Central Headquarters, where all air movements anywhere near the borders of the five nations will be continuously charted.

It will be possible to dismiss most "targets" immediately as peaceful aircraft following regular routes.

At first sign of strange air activity, Headquarters will alert all points to follow the suspect plane and at the same time will order fighters and aircraft batteries to stand by for action.

On a grand scale this system will duplicate the wartime detection system which inflicted such heavy punishment on German bombers over London, Algiers and other cities.—United Press.

SLAVE LABOUR IN SOVIET NATIONS

Lake Success, February 16.

The World Federation of Trade Unions came to Russia's defence today in the United Nations debate over alleged slave labour camps in the Soviet Union.

It asserted that it has never received any evidence to prove that forced labour prevails in the Soviet bloc of nations.

The WFTU submitted a formal memorandum to the UN Economic and Social Council, denying charges by the American Federation of Labour that Russia and some of her satellites practice slave labour on a mass scale.

The Western powers say there is evidence that Russia forced 8,000,000 to 14,000,000 people into slave labour camps.

The majority of the Economic and Social Council members appear ready, however, to approve

RUSSIANS STAGE WALKOUT Surprise Decision To Leave Health Body OMINOUS SIMILARITY TO GERMAN MOVE IN 1933

Geneva, February 17.

A surprise decision of the Russians to cut one of their ties to the United Nations was disclosed today.

The Soviet, White Russia and the Ukraine have walked out of the World Health Organisation, a specialised UN agency. The WHO Director-General refused to accept their withdrawal.

He proposed to the Russians instead that he visit Moscow to answer Russian arguments that the WHO is ineffective and too expensive.

"I await your invitation," the WHO chief, Dr. Brock Chisholm of Canada, told the Russians. The withdrawal would remove the Russians from the only specialised agency they have joined since the UN was formed. They have bitterly attacked most of the dozen such agencies sponsored by the UN.

Resignation of the Soviet Union, White Russia and the Ukraine would reduce the membership to 55 nations and cut into it further if seven satellites of Russia follow their leader out.

Dr. Chisholm told the Russians they are premature in their judgment of WHO accomplishments. He said WHO is just emerging from its organizational period that started in 1948, is operating its first year programme, and:

"Not Satisfactory"

"The proposed programme for 1950 provides for large-scale control of epidemics by eradication and extensive strengthening of national health administrations which would meet your point of view."

The Russians in resigning told him: "Tasks connected with international measures for prevention and control of diseases and with the spread of medical science achievements are not being accomplished by the organization satisfactorily."

"At the same time, maintenance of the organization's swollen administrative machinery involves expenses which are too heavy for member states to bear."

"The USSR and White Russia and the Ukraine no longer considers itself a member of this organization."

It's Happened Before

At UN headquarters at Lake Success, the Secretary-General, Trygve Lie said he is consulting the three Russian delegations with the hope that they can be persuaded to reconsider and remain with WHO.

The Soviet note threw the UN staff into speculation over the Russian move. Some persons are even recalling the walk-out of the Germans from the League of Nations in 1933 and the walk-out of the Italians in 1937, but there is no indication that the Soviet Union intends to loosen further her UN ties.—Associated Press.

"DEAR JOSEPH" GETS LETTER

London, February 17.

Tass, the Russian news agency, said today that 16,767,680 Koreans have sent Premier Stalin a letter thanking him for the Soviet withdrawal of troops from Northern Korea.

The agency's Moscow despatch distributed in London said that 9,940,000 of them live in American-occupied Southern Korea and signed the letter despite reprisals and terror on the part of the local authorities.

Tass said that the letter was emboldened on silk and was shipped to Moscow in more than 30 boxes. Stalin was addressed as "Dear Joseph Vissarionovich, friend and teacher of the working people of the whole world."—Associated Press.

Strang Sees MacArthur

London, February 16.

Sir William Strang, new Permanent Head of the Foreign Office, who is touring the Far East before taking up his post, is touring the Far East before taking up his post, is touring the Far East before taking up his post.

On Monday, Sir William also called upon Mr. William Sebald, United States Minister who acts as General MacArthur's deputy on the Allied Control Council for Japan, and discussed Japanese political developments.—Reuter.

Pacific Fishing Grounds

Washington, February 16.

The Navy today announced that it will open the rich fishing waters around the old Japanese-mandated islands in the Pacific to fishing companies of all nations.

However, it added, a 40-year franchise will be granted only to approved companies.

The islands involved include the Marianas, except Guam, the Carolines and the Marshalls. The Japanese fished extensively in these waters under their pre-war League of Nations mandate.

The regulations under which commercial fishing will be permitted again were drawn up by the Navy, State and Interior Departments. They provide that commercial fishing companies may obtain a franchise to catch, purchase, process, sell and transport fish and fish products. Fishing vessels must keep records showing fishing gear used, areas fished, bait used, estimated quantity of each species of fish landed and other detailed information.—United Press.

STERILITY ON THE INCREASE

Los Angeles, February 16.

Sterility is increasing in the United States, according to Dr. Edwin Hamblin, chief endocrinologist at Duke University's School of Medicine.

"The apparent decrease in fertility," he said, "may be caused by a change from rural to more hectic city existence, by later marriages and other conditions."—Reuter.

Streamlining Of ERP Structure

Paris, February 16.

Ministers of nine European countries today agreed to strengthen and streamline Western Europe's Marshall Plan organisation.

The nine-power Committee of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation adopted a resolution to ask the full Council of the 19-member States tomorrow:

1. That the Council meet at a Ministerial level not less than four times a year.

2. That the Committee's chairman, Mr. Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian Premier, be given power to summon a seven-member Ministerial Consultative Committee when necessary.

This Committee would comprise Britain, France, Italy, Holland, Sweden and Turkey. M. Spaak would thus become Executive General Manager in the structure.

This would represent a compromise, giving him executive powers without the title of European head of the OEEC, which had been forecast.

The Ministers took their decision at a closed session lasting 100 minutes on the proposal of Eire's Foreign Minister, Mr. Sean MacBride. M. Spaak and the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, yesterday suggested that a new five-power Committee be superimposed on the Organisation.

Mr. MacBride's original plan to give the OEEC more dynamic leadership provided for a permanent President and Executive Committee meetings on a Ministerial level every two months.—Reuter.

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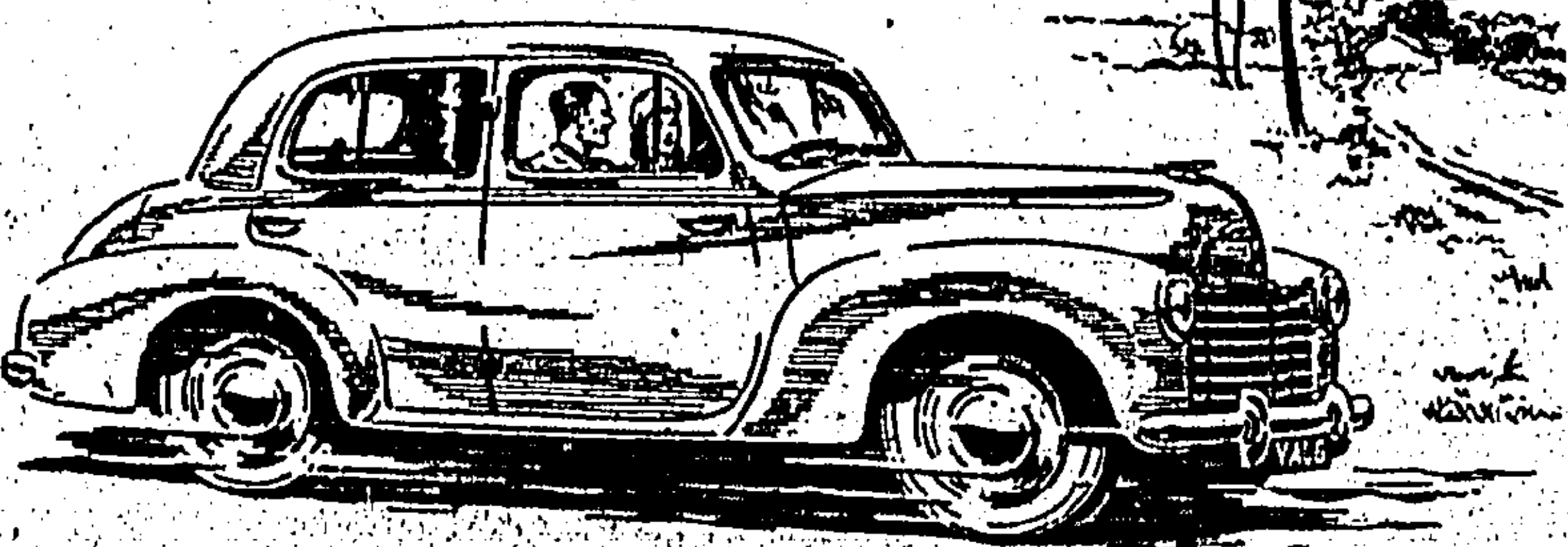
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'WE STAY IN JAPAN' -- U.S. ARMY SECRETARY MR. ROYALL REPEATS HIS DENIAL OF TOKYO STORY

Washington, February 16.

The U.S. Secretary of the Army, Mr. Kenneth Royall, today persisted in his denial of statements attributed to him that the United States considers Japan valueless in the event of war.

He declared that at the meeting with correspondents in Tokyo, at which he is reported to have expressed such an opinion, he did not discuss American strategy in the event of war.

Mr. Royall reiterated the views he has expressed since leaving Japan, saying that he considers the United States can hold Japan against all comers.

The Secretary of the Army was closely examined at a press conference on the statements he is reported to have made in Tokyo.

Questioned about a transcript of the discussions at the Tokyo meeting with correspondents on February 6, Mr. Royall said that he did not know that any transcript had been made because he had not regarded it as a press conference in the ordinary sense.

However, Mr. Royall admitted he was the "high military authority" who had held the meeting with the correspondents.

Mr. Royall said that when he had seen the correspondents in Tokyo he told them he wanted

to ask them some questions concerning Japan, and he would make no statement himself.

"I made no statement about Japan—military or otherwise," he declared.

When it was pointed out that there were several different reports attributing the statement to him, he declared: "I am not going to be put into the position of arguing on the specific wording."

Not Leaving

He said his statement that the United States is not going to leave Japan has been reported correctly in the Tokyo press.

Asked whether there was anyone else present at the Sunday evening meeting in Tokyo who could have made statements similar to those attributed to him, which might have been interpreted as having his approval, Mr. Royall said: "There were so many views expressed at the meeting by different people that I am not prepared to challenge them as regards their implication."

"I do not think anyone stated that in their view we should withdraw from Japan in the event of a war. I did not get that impression. I gave no approval to any statement made by anyone."

Mr. Royall said that of course he would not determine any such policy as United States withdrawal from Japan.

"That question never arose. It never came up at all in any discussions," he concluded.

No Justification

Mr. Royall said: "I don't think I said anything that gave the impression that we were going to pull out of Japan. Certainly I had no intention of giving such an implication. But no one can be entirely dogmatic on how one may interpret one's words. Certainly there is no justification for such an implication that was so far from my mind."

Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, also denies that the United States Government contemplates the withdrawal of American troops from Japan, either now or in any future war.

Mr. Acheson, at his weekly press conference, also denied that the United States Government regards Japan as indefensible.

Mr. Acheson said that he was referring to reports of statements which had been attributed to Mr. Royall. He reminded the correspondents that Mr. Royall had also denied making any statements to this effect.

Mr. Acheson said there is no change in the United States policy regarding Japan.

Mr. Acheson said the reports from Tokyo, published in the American press last week, do not represent any views held by the American Government.—Reuter.

Manila Has A Second Quake

Manila, February 17. A second quake in less than two days gently rocked Manila last night. The Philippine Weather Bureau times it at 7.45 p.m. with a tremor lasting 10 seconds. The epicentre is estimated to be 227 miles from the capital on a North-West, South-West axis. On February 16, a sharp quake of intensity five was recorded, due to the slipping of the earth's crust some 87 miles South of Manila. There was no damage.—Associated Press.

Space Ship To Dominate The Earth

Washington, February 16. The Curtiss Wright Corporation, builders of aeroplanes and engines, reported today that United States Government scientists are working secretly on a space ship which will flash through the atmosphere at nearly 6,000 kilometres an hour.

A chart issued by the firm shows that secret Government research is being conducted on a 4,800 to 6,400 kilometres an hour rocket plane and a guided jet missile with a speed above 3,200 kilometres an hour. Scientists believe that the nation which first creates an outer space platform for guiding or launching atomic rockets will dominate the earth.—Reuter.

COUNCIL SAYS A DEFINITE "NO" TO NORTH KOREA

Lake Success, February 16.

The United Nations Security Council today refused, by a vote of eight to two with one abstention, to send the application of the People's Republic of Northern Korea to its Membership Committee for consideration.

The Council yesterday sent the application of the American-backed Southern Korean Government to the Membership Committee.

In a two-and-a-half-hour debate today, however, the Soviet-supported Northern Korean Government received only the votes of Russia and the Ukraine. Argentina abstained.

The Council's action brought immediate sharp criticism from Mr. Jacob Malik (USSR), who said: "The Anglo-American bloc has perpetrated a new act of injustice against one of the world's oldest peoples, which has just been liberated from 2,000 years of Asiatic despotism."

Dr. T. T. Tsiang (China), President of the Security Council, was outspoken against the Northern Korean application. "In the North we have a regime, the origin and nature of which are unknown to us," he said. "That regime persistently defies us."

Another Veto?

"In the South, we have a Government certified to us by our own Commission to be based on the valid popular will of the people and is known."

ledged as such by the General Assembly.

"Should the Security Council give the application of Northern Korea the same consideration as we have decided to give the application of Southern Korea, our action would be politically mischievous."

With Northern Korea's application overwhelmingly lost, it appears all the more certain Russia will cast its 30th veto if the Membership Committee (which comprises the same nations that sit on the Security Council) reports favourably on Southern Korea's bid for a UN seat, as it is almost certain to do.—United Press.

DE MATOS HENCHMEN ARRESTED

Lisbon, February 16.

Six prominent supporters of General Norton de Matos, opposition candidate who withdrew from last Sunday's Presidential elections, have been arrested as Communist elements involved in subversive and revolutionary attempts.

The authorities in Lisbon said they had not been arrested before the elections because the Government did not wish to give the impression that any pressure was being put on the Opposition. The arrested men include Senator Manuel Mendes, a writer, and Senator Mario Soares, a university student, both of whom were members of the Central Committee organizing General de Matos' candidature.

The others are Senator Manuel Palma Caldas, a lawyer, Senator Armando Rodrigues, a doctor of medicine, Senator Ramos Costa, a doctor of economics and Senator Francisco Zenha, a university student.—Reuter.

Colonial Development

London, February 16.

Sir Godfrey Evans, who headed a Commission to study re-settlement problems in British Guiana and British Honduras in 1947-48, said today that the Commission's report envisages expenditure of from £14,000,000 to £20,000,000 over the next ten years.

Its plans will absorb 100,000 immigrants in the two colonies during that period, he said. Sir Godfrey, who was addressing the Royal Empire Society, said it is planned to set up a forestry project in British Guiana, costing more than £4,000,000. Plans for the development of British Honduras include setting up a sugar plantation and a 30,000-ton sugar factory in the North.—Reuter.

BRITON WOUNDED IN POLAND

Warsaw, February 16.

A secretary of the British Embassy in Warsaw, Mr. A. C. Maule, is lying in hospital here today with three bullet wounds inflicted by men who made a raid on his home shortly after midnight.

After an operation, he was said to be "gravely ill."

Two masked men broke into Mr. Maule's lonely country house 15 miles South of Warsaw and demanded money.

Mr. Maule rushed at the men, who fired three shots, wounding him in the stomach and shoulder. After repeating their demands for money to Mr. Maule's wife, the men fled without taking anything from the house.

Mr. Maule, said to be about 45 years old, has lived in Warsaw for three years, first as an official of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Organisation and for the past 18 months as an Embassy secretary.

Before the war he spent several years in India as a tea planter.—Reuter.

Ding-Dong Battle For Burma Town

Rangoon, February 17.

A swaying battle was fought out on Wednesday on the fringe of Karen-held Insein, North of Rangoon.

Strongpoints changed hands several times as Government forces sought to penetrate the hard core of the Karen defences around the town.

Armed trucks with protective covering maintained a shuttle service to feed the Government troops in the front line.

Continuous automatic fire punctuated by shell bursts told of the terrific effort by the Government troops to recapture the town.

The main action of the day was the "Battle of the Monastery." This is a Buddhist monastery regarded by the Government as the key to the Karen positions. The monastery changed hands three times as the attackers slipped into the roles of defenders. Swift counter-attacks by both sides changed the pattern of the battle several times.

Official reports late on Wednesday afternoon said the Government troops are in possession of the monastery with the Karens preparing yet another counter-offensive.

Road Blocks

Behind the monastery the Karens have established a series of road blocks directly outside the town of Insein. Government sources described Wednesday's fighting as fluid and scattered.

A Burmese Government communiqué released last night said that the suburb of Bassem, 70 miles West of Rangoon, is now infected with Communist insurgents who are harassing the Government troops.

The communiqué said that the Karens are reported to be regrouping East and West of Bassem.

It added that 50 Karens were killed during fighting at Hlegu, 26 miles North of Rangoon.—Associated Press.

Tito Claims On Austria

London, February 16.

The four Foreign Ministers' deputies conferring here on the Austrian treaty agreed today to hear a further statement on the Yugoslav claims.

Britain, France, and the United States last week resisted the Soviet proposal for a new hearing.

The deputies wrote to the Yugoslav Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Ales Bohlen, today that they will hear a statement from him on any aspect of the treaty if he formally asks for the opportunity.

They added that in any case they will also give a further hearing to the Austrian point of view. A copy of the letter sent to Mr. Bohlen was forwarded to the Austrian Legation here.

The Austrian case will presumably be presented by Dr. Karl Gruber, the Austrian Foreign Minister, who flew to Vienna today but is expected back next week.—Reuter.

Currency Devaluation Question

Washington, February 16.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. John Snyder, said here today that the question of currency devaluation should be explored with European Marshall aid countries.

Mr. Snyder, who was addressing the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, added that these nations should make greater efforts to put their financial house in order.

Mr. Snyder said the past year has produced notable signs of improvement in the financial situation in Europe. But some financial problems still exist.

Mr. Snyder suggested that the United States explore with these countries in the utmost secrecy the question of whether they should devalue their money to balance their international accounts and thus relieve their dependence on United States aid.—Reuter.

WILLIAM TELL, MODERN STYLE

Bedford, February 16. Clark Morgan, 34, has been acquitted of killing a tavern keeper friend in a modern version of "William Tell." He was charged with the manslaughter on February 6 of Thomas B. Leary. Morgan admitted the shooting, saying he tried to shoot a small whisky glass off Leary's head. He had tried the stunt only on Leary's repeated insistence.—Reuter.



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Immigration In The Colonies

London, February 16.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, is to ask the acting Governor of the Gold Coast to give further consideration to certain points in the new immigration procedure, he told the House of Commons tonight.

A former Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Stanley, Conservative, said that a common citizenship between citizens of the United Kingdom and the colonial territories has been established. Under those circumstances, how can there be discrimination against United Kingdom citizens entering into British colonies, he asked.

Sir Peter MacDonald, Conservative, objected to the fact that the restrictions will apply, irrespective of nationality or race, to British subjects as well as aliens.

Owners or partners in businesses or professions in the Gold Coast will now have to obtain re-entry permits before they leave that territory. New partners in a firm will have to show that the expansion of the business is in the economic interest of the Gold Coast before getting a permit to go there.

He thought this would have an unfortunate effect on the proper development of the Gold Coast by private British interests. Mr. Creech Jones replied that the Gold Coast Government amended their immigration law last September, with his agreement, to control the immigration of people whose intended occupation might prove detrimental to the economic development of the inhabitants of the Gold Coast.

It is the settled policy of His Majesty's Government in the Gold Coast, as in other West African territories, that the advancement of the African peoples shall be safeguarded not only in the political sphere but also in the economic field," he said.—Reuter.

JAPAN HIT BY BLIZZARDS

Tokyo, February 17.

A heavy snowstorm which hit the Western Honshu area today disrupted 80 telephone and 140 telegraph circuits linking Hiroshima and other districts in that area.

The snowstorm also disrupted railway service on the Yakaguchi line West of Hiroshima.

Meanwhile, a Kyodo news dispatch from Hokkaido said that a severe blizzard caused heavy damage to 80 fishing craft off the Eastern Hokkaido.—United Press.

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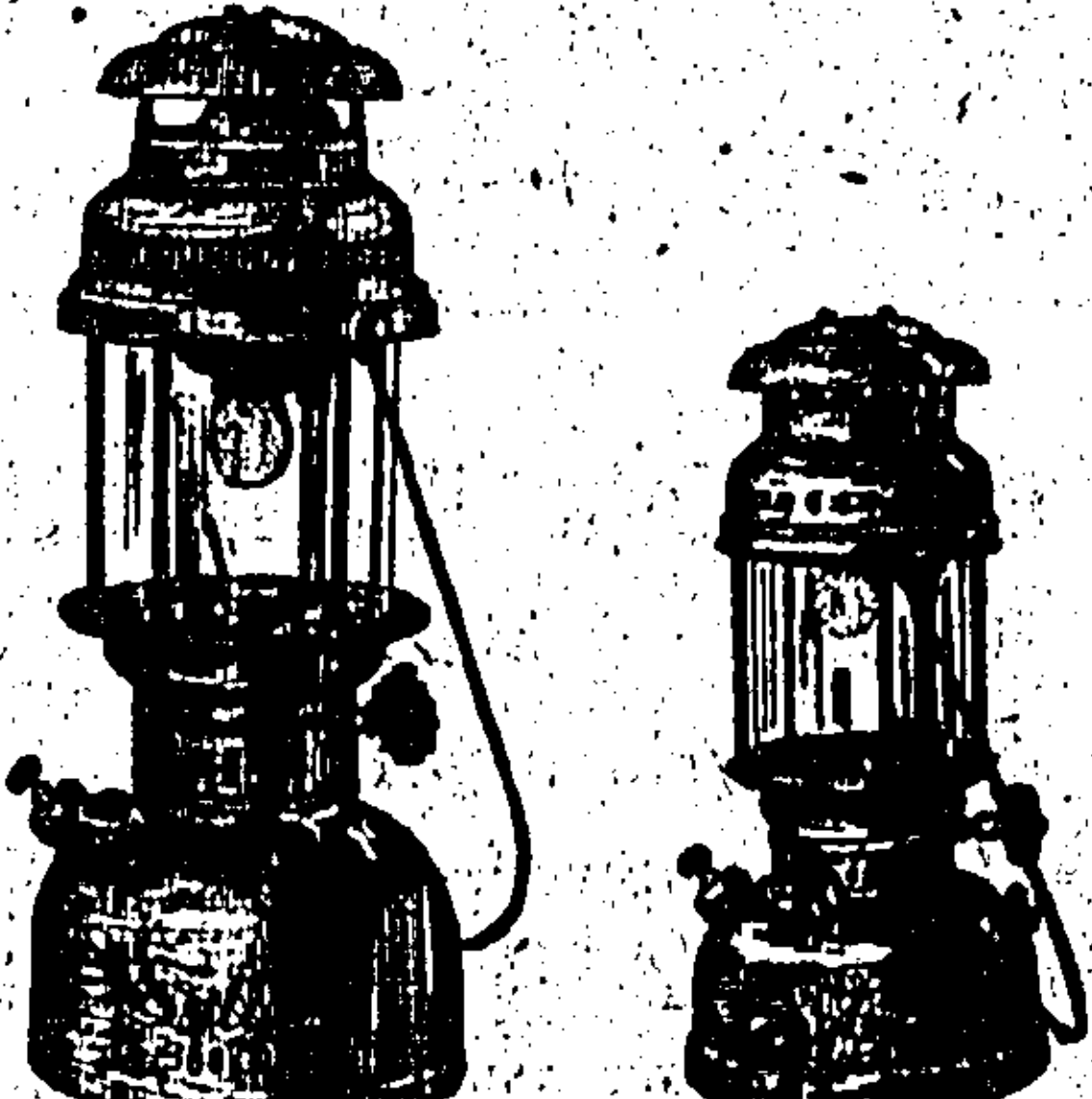


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CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's
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At that time Marshal Zhukov was patiently a great favourite with the Generalissimo. Zhukov was included in every conversation I had with Stalin and the two spoke to each other on terms of intimacy and cordiality. This was highly pleasing to me because of my belief in the friendliness and co-operative purpose of Marshal Zhukov.

The Generalissimo turned the conversation to the work of the Berlin Council and remarked that it was important not only because of its specific task but because it provided a testing ground to determine whether great nations, victors in a war, could continue to co-operate effectively in the problems of peace.

This thought coincided exactly with the convictions Clay and I held, but we thought also that one of the impediments to greater progress in Berlin was the apparent necessity for Zhukov to refer every new question, no matter how trivial, to Moscow. In the early days of the Council I had noted that whereas Zhukov frequently seemed to be in agreement with some logical proposal of local import, he could apparently never give an immediate answer on his own authority. This led me to explore the remote possibility that I might be able to do something about it.

Knowing that everything my associates and I did and said was no matter how trivial, to Moscow, and knowing also that national pride would impel the Russians to watch the comparative prestige and authority of their Berlin representative, I had adopted a simple plan which I hoped would have some effect. It was merely to take occasion, whenever possible, to make sure that Marshal Zhukov was aware of the degree of independence accorded me by my Washington superiors in dealing with all matters that did not violate approved policy. Whenever I had anything to discuss with Marshal Zhukov I made an opportunity to see

him, usually just before or after a formal meeting of the Berlin Council. I then outlined the suggestion, which normally served the best interests of the Russians as well as of ourselves, and placed it before him in terms of a definite proposal. Then I would remark rather casually: "If this project looks well to you, I am ready to put it into effect whenever you say. If you want some time for study, or if you would like to refer the matter to Moscow, I am quite content to await your answer. But I am ready to act instantly."

Once or twice he was fortunately prompted to ask: "What will your government say about this?" to which I would reply, "If I sent such small details to Washington for decision I would be fired and my government would get someone who would handle these things himself."

Whether or not this personal campaign had any effect I do not know, but as time went on Marshal Zhukov began to exhibit a greater independence in action than he had at first been able to exercise. He discarded the practice of keeping his political adviser by his side and we would meet with no one present except an interpreter. Moreover, he became much more prone to say yes or no to a proposal than merely to ask for a delay in order to consider it.

So while standing on Lenin's tomb, when the Generalissimo brought up the matter of the Berlin Council, I decided to follow up my Berlin campaign. I said to the Generalissimo: "Of course Marshal Zhukov and I get along splendidly. This is because of great and powerful countries like yours and mine can afford to give their procurators in the field

a sufficient amount of authority to achieve accord in local details and administrative matters. Smaller or weaker countries might possibly find it impossible to do this and difficulties would arise. But because Marshal Zhukov and I have such great leeway in reaching agreement we two usually overcome the little obstacles we encounter."

The Generalissimo agreed with me emphatically. He said, "There is no sense in sending a delegate somewhere if he is merely to be an errand boy. He must have authority to act."

The social highlight of the Moscow trip was dinner at the Kremlin. In the glittering dining hall there was an array of Red Army Marshals, with Mr. Molotov present, and a number of Foreign Office officials in uniform. Officers of my party attended, as did the ambassador and General Deane. Toasts were many, each of them directed to the spirit of co-operation and teamwork that had been gradually evolved during the war. After dinner we saw a movie. It was a picture of the Russian operations to capture Berlin, in which the interpreter told me, they had used twenty-two divisions and an enormous concentration of artillery. I expressed an interest in the picture and the Generalissimo promptly said he would give me a copy. I suggested that I should also like a picture of himself and he forgot neither detail. Within a few days I received in Berlin the complete movie film together with a generously inscribed photograph of the Generalissimo.

He asked that I extend to General Marshall an expression of his personal regret for an act of what he termed personal rudeness during the progress of the

war. He said that once he had received from General Marshall a piece of information concerning the enemy that later turned out to be false and occasioned some embarrassment to the Red armies. In his irritation, he said, he sent a sharp radio message to General Marshall, but later regretted this because of his confidence that Marshall was acting in good faith. He earnestly charged me with the errand of conveying his expressions of regret to the Chief of Staff.

Throughout our stay Marshal Zhukov and other Russian officials pressed me to designate the spots I should like to visit. They said there was no place, even if it took us as far as Vladivostok, that I could not see. My time was limited but before leaving Moscow I did want to see the museum in the Kremlin. Upon expression of this desire, a visit was immediately arranged and I was invited to bring with me such aides or assistants as I might wish. It is possible that my heels had in mind only the little group who accompanied me from Berlin but when the time came for the visit I found that almost the entire American Embassy staff had volunteered to act as aides-de-camp that day. None of them had ever been permitted to visit the Kremlin and so I laughingly agreed to class them all as temporary aides. The entire party of some fifty or sixty people spent the afternoon viewing accumulated treasures of the czars. Jewellery, gorgeously incriminated costumes, flags, and decorations of every description filled the great halls and constituted a magnificent display.

While walking through the Kremlin grounds we passed the largest-calibre gun I have ever seen; the inside diameter of the barrel appeared to be over thirty inches. It was an eighteenth-century relic. As we walked away from it my son musingly remarked, "I suppose that was the weapon which, two hundred years ago, made future wars too horrible to contemplate."

(To Be Continued)

DEAN ACHESON'S CHALLENGE OF RED PROPAGANDA

Washington, February 17.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, declared emphatically yesterday that American policy toward the "propped" Atlantic Security Treaty has not changed. He thus challenged complaints in Western Europe and Communist propaganda claims that the U.S. is backing down on its intention to make an effective defence alliance with Western European nations.

His statement was issued at a news conference in response to questions prompted by assertions of Senate leaders that this country cannot make any automatic commitment to go to war in case one of the other nations in the Security system is attacked.

The precise kind of commitment which may be made is still being negotiated and Mr. Acheson did not discuss it. He talked instead about objectives and policies and declared that in this respect there are no real differences between the State Department and the Senate's bi-partisan foreign policy.

"We have been proceeding," he said, "on the basis of policies which have been clearly defined and which, I think are well understood." Those policies, he said, were spelled out by President Truman in his inauguration address on January 20 and in Senate and House resolutions adopted last June.

The Senate and House resolutions favoured association of the U.S. under the UN charter with other nations with common security interests.

The Duration

Mr. Truman declared the purpose of such an association would be to discourage aggression by confronting the potential aggressor with unmistakable proof that any attack will be met with overwhelming force.

Mr. Acheson said: "In conducting our discussions with other countries we have taken as our guide these clear expressions of policy." He also said the negotiators have not yet agreed on the duration of the treaty. The Europeans originally proposed that it last for 50 years. The State Department has argued that it should run for 20 years or less with right of renewal. Associated Press.

Sam Goldwyn Withdraws

New York, February 18.

Samuel Goldwyn has withdrawn from a partnership by which he, Miss Ingrid Bergman, the film actress, and Robert Rossellini, the Italian film producer, were to produce films in Italy.

The partnership, announced a fortnight ago, was to make a film with Miss Bergman as star and Rossellini as the director.

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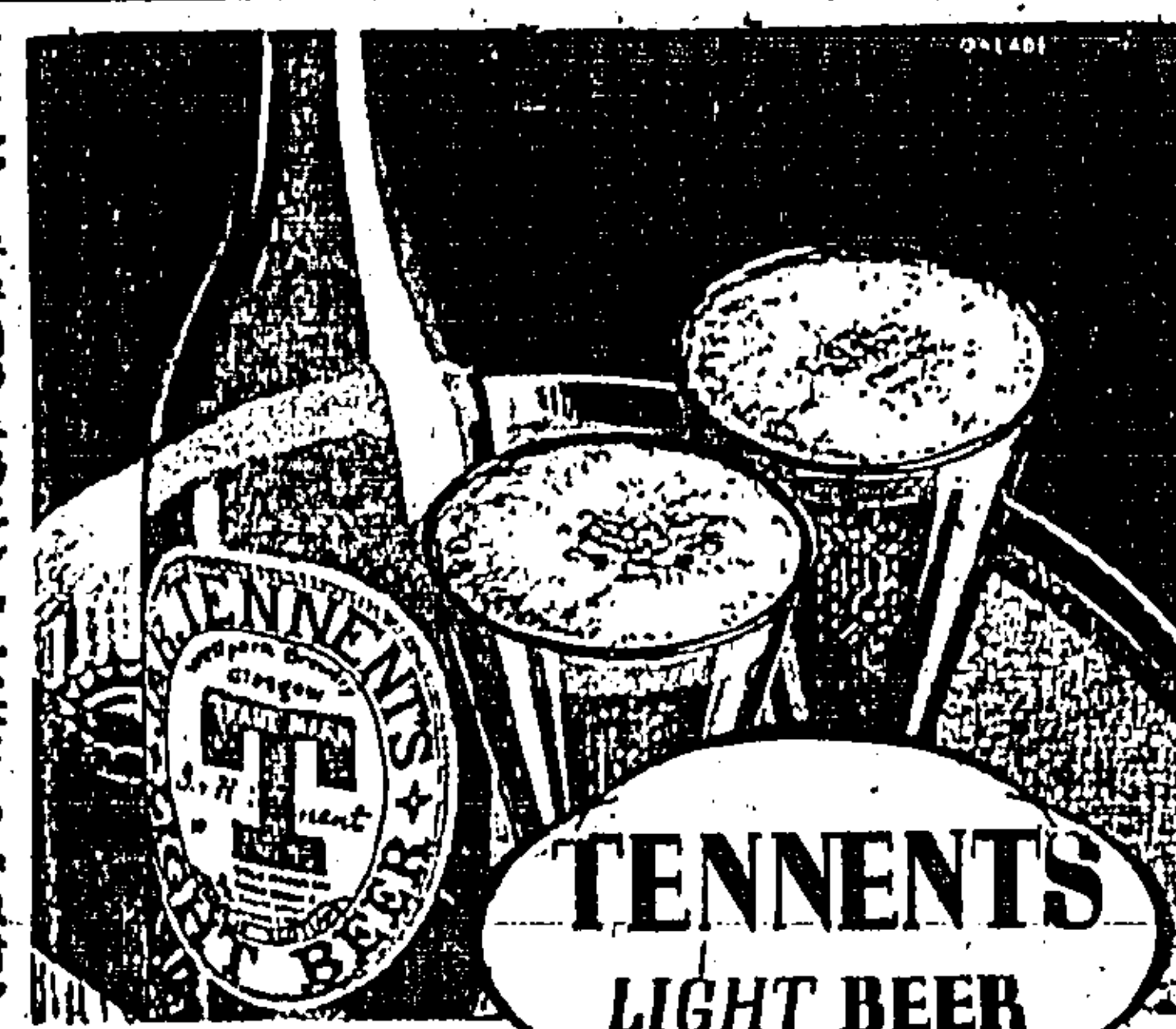
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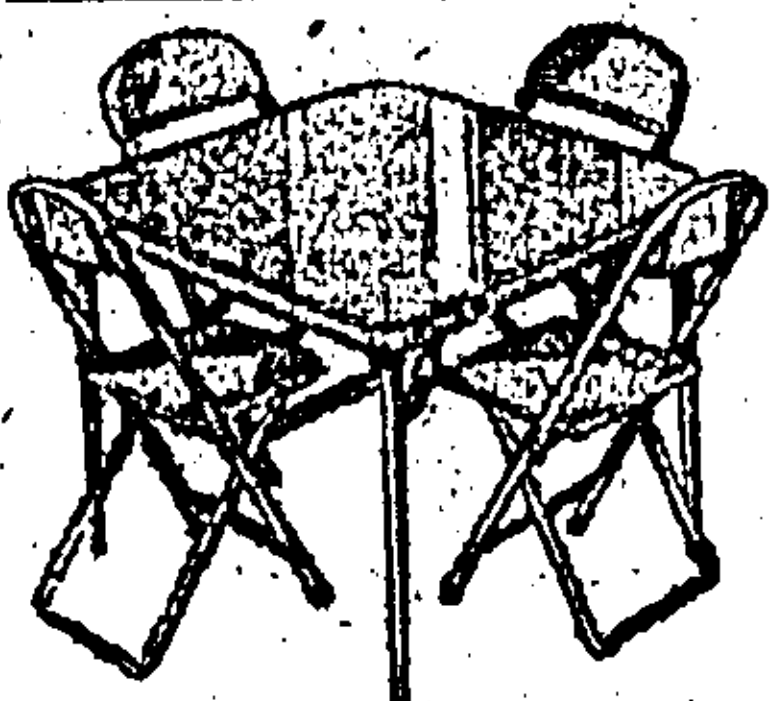
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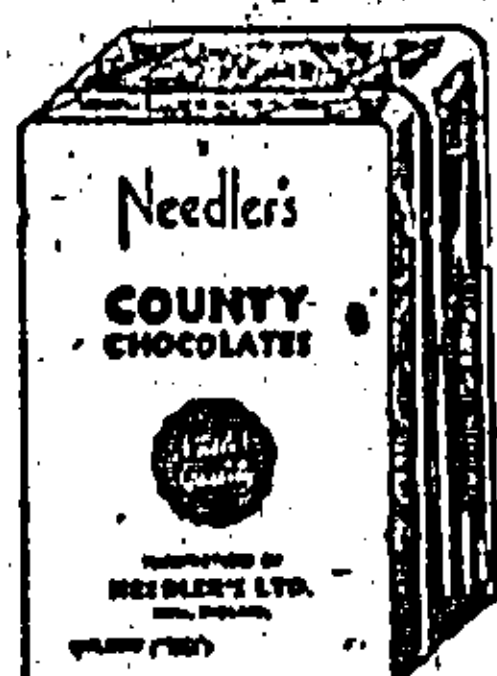
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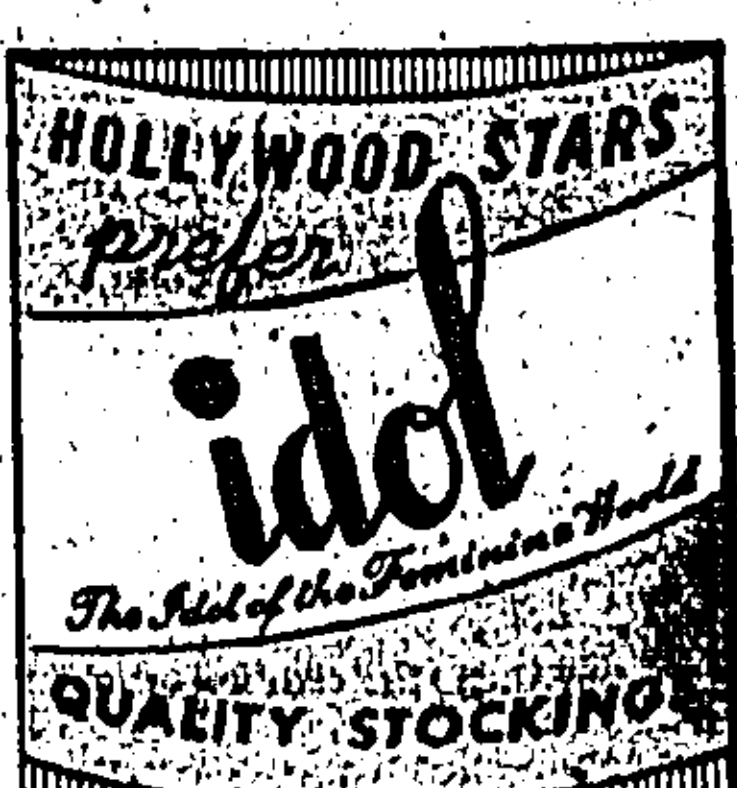
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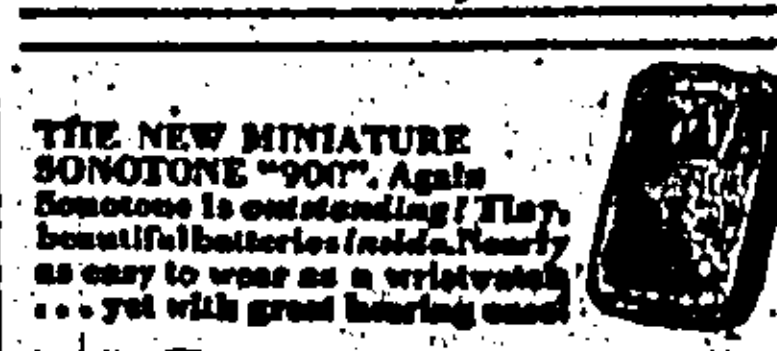


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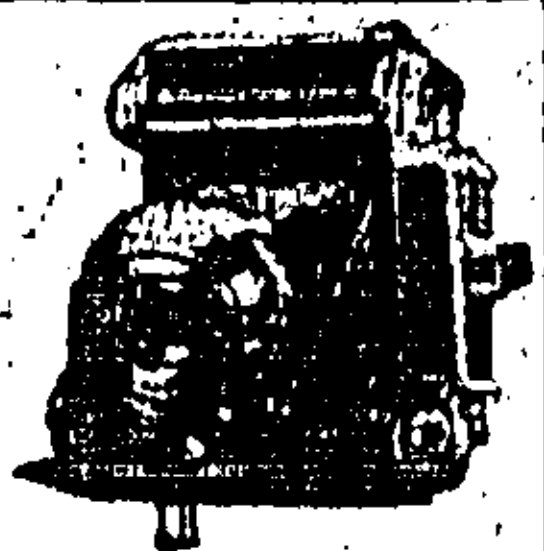
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KEEN RUGBY INTERPORT ENCOUNTER EXPECTED

Discussion On Rugby Refereeing

London, February 16. The question of refereeing in rugby football produced some interesting discussion when an official conference of referees took place at Rugby's headquarters, Twickenham.

A. D. Sloop, a former England International, expressed the opinion that there is too much whistle and he thought that young referees would obtain more advantage from watching matches controlled by really good referees than from travelling to other areas in order to officiate.

Mr. C. Gadney, who has refereed a number of international games, does not agree and said that such an idea is like asking England's International team to sit in the stands and watch another country in order to improve their play.

At the conference, there were representatives from the four home countries, England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, as well as M. Jacques Muniz, President of the French Rugby Society, and Mr. Mather of Ceylon. It was decided by a big majority to submit for reconsideration by the International Board the law which makes it necessary for the referee to blow his whistle when the ball goes into touch. Certain it is that present day Rugby does find a good deal of whistling which to many people often appears unnecessary and tends to interfere with the play rather than help the smooth running of a game.—Reuter.

JET VAMPIRE DEMONSTRATION

An official demonstration by the jet-propelled RAF Vampire will be given at Kai Tak on Monday at 3.15 p.m.

An official statement added that the jet fighter will give demonstrations over the Island and Mainland at noon today. This will be subject to favourable weather conditions and continued serviceability of the plane.

Yesterday, a demonstration was given over the Island during lunch hour. Crowds lined the pavements and waterfront to watch an exhibition flight of the jet plane.

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All Rugby followers will welcome the Shanghai Rugby Union Football Club's first post-war visit to the Colony as guests of the Football Club, to continue the series of Interport games begun in 1924.

Last year the Hong Kong side lost by 13 points to three in Shanghai to make each Port level with seven wins, which gives an added interest to tomorrow's game at the Valley.

The visitors arrive by air this afternoon and may have a run about later in the evening to loosen up after their journey and should be in good condition for their game tomorrow afternoon. Their training has been in the capable hands of "Billy" Tingle, whom many readers will well remember, not only for his ability on the Soccer and Rugby fields, but also as a very fine jockey and boxer.

Four Months For Stealing Bicycle

At 7.30 p.m. on February 16, two detectives, Sergeant 120 and Constable 1020, were on patrol duty in Boundary Street when they were told that Chau Pui had stolen a bicycle.

The detectives followed the informant to the junction of Kilang and Fong Shui Streets where Chau was pointed out to them.

When brought to the Shamshui Police Station, Chau admitted the theft and brought the police to 83 Kilang Street, first floor, where the bicycle was found.

At 8 a.m. the reported at the Fung Hon-lin reported at the station that he had lost his bicycle at 5 p.m. the previous day while it was parked outside his house at 44 Kweilin Street. He identified the machine at the station as his property.

Detective Sub-Inspector J. O. Brown, relating the above facts to Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, added that when Chau was searched two skeleton keys, in the form of picks, were found on him.

Chau, convicted on the charges of larceny and possession of instruments, was sentenced to four months' hard labour and ordered to be deported for life.

He had two previous convictions, in 1940 and 1947. Lee Hon-cheung, aged 22, who pleaded not guilty to the counts of larceny and receiving, had his pleas accepted by the prosecution, and was discharged.

Finest Attacking Backs

Further back Club have probably the finest set of attacking backs in the Colony, the Hendersons—de Rome wing always being a danger to a defending side, both being powerful runners. While Frank's deceptive side step has opened the way for many of his side tries this season, however he must give his wingman the benefit of the openings thus made; on far too many occasions he is taken in possession of the ball.

Both wings also, in a number of games, have allowed themselves to be jockeyed into touch and should remember the attacking possibilities of high cross kicking or ground kicking ahead. On the Shanghai side, Day will prove a troublesome attacking player if he can still produce his well known "jinking" runs whilst Kiddy, whom I see is now playing in the centre, is an exceedingly difficult man to null down and run hard and straight.

Proudman was sound in defence last year but lacked initiative in attack. Lochlan will be playing out of position at full back but is such a sound tackler and defensive kicker that no team should be entertained on this score.

It will almost certainly be a hard fought game, the outcome of which will depend entirely on how much of the ball the Hong Kong forwards can obtain and how speedily the Hong Kong's halves can get it to their fast moving centres.

The Regional Band of the Royal Air Force now on tour of the Far East will play before the game and during the interval. Both teams will be presented to Mr. A. Morris CBE before the kick-off, and after the game Mr. Morris will hand the Rose Bowl, which he has donated to take the place of the Saker Shield lost in Hong Kong during the occupation, to the Captain of the winning side.

Dr. Solby Referees

The game will be refereed by Dr. J.A.R. Solby, whom most spectators will remember as acting in the same capacity for a number of years before the war. Shanghai will complete their tour with a game against a United Services XV on the Club Ground at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The following is the United Services XV to play Shanghai at 4 p.m. on Sunday on the Club Ground, Happy Valley.

Lt. Eberle (Cossack)
Sgt. Brown (R.A.P.C.)
2/Lt. Pritchett (RA)
Gnr. Swaine (RA)
AC Cook (Cossack)
AC Goss (Buffs)
Sgt. Newton (RA)
Lt. MacLennan (Tamar)
2/Lt. Pappin (Buffs)
LSA Annandale (London)
Capt. Milne (RAMC)
Cdr. Dalglish (Tamar)
Lt. Murray (Abercrombie)
Gnr. Richards (RA)
Lt. Hanlin (Dampier)
Lt. Soangle (Buffs)
Lt. Whitehead (Cossack)

RESERVE:
Gnr. Richards (RA)
Lt. Hanlin (Dampier)
Lt. Soangle (Buffs)
Lt. Whitehead (Cossack)

London, February 16. In a Rugby Union match today, Crumlin lost to Cross Keys by three points to five.—Reuter.

Fourth Test Match Ends In A Draw

Johannesburg, February 16.

The fourth Test match between South Africa and England ended today, like the second and third, in a draw.

The final scores: England 379 and 253 for 7 declared; South-Africa 257 for 9 declared and 194 for 4.

England won the first Test in the second Test and was out for a fighting knock of 80.

England's declaration in their second innings left South Africa in a broken over, one before tea and another after, his victims being Viljoen, who made 63, and South Africa's captain, Dudley Nourse, who made a century in the first innings. This time he only scored one.

Recovering from a bad start, in which they lost Bruce Mitchell's wicket at 23, South Africa put on another 113 runs through their second wicket pair, Eric Rowan and Ken Viljoen.

Entries In February 26 Race Meet

Entries in the Second Extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club were released by the Club yesterday. The meeting will take place on February 26. The entries follow:

1. Ascot Stakes (1st Sec.), 1 Mile: Abdul Hamid (147); Aeroplane (147); Busy Bee (147); By-the-way (147); Canadian (147); Coogee (147); East-going (147); Jorjeks (147); Public Opinion (147); Reuter (147); Roethy (147); Sharshooter (147); Stayer (147) and Victory Ship (147).
2. Doncaster Stakes (1st Sec.), 1 Mile: Araxy (147); Blitzer Sweet (152); Flying Knight (147); Harmony (147); Hong Kong Sixty (147); Liberty Diamond (147); Mabel (147); Sham (152); Smiling Star (152); Trigger (152) and Zephyr (147).
3. Hurst Park Handicap (1st Sec.), Class 3: 5 Furlongs: Beekham; Blue Sky; Bootle; Chief Pilot; Desire; Good Ship; Hurricane; Liberation Star; Masterpiece; Mink; Red Fox and Sugarloaf.
4. Newmarket Handicap: 1 Mile: Baylight; Dilempolis; Gypsy Girls; Lucky Starter; Mastery; Oakland Bridge; Pegasus; Rous d'or; Silver Spear; Skymaster and World Peace.
5. Melbourne Cup 2 Mile: Amazon; Black Market; Chief Pilot; Fort Knox; Jolly; Lala Peace; Class 3: 5 Furlongs: Avalon Crown Witness; Golden Dragon; Herole Lassie; Jeep Shing; Kentucky Moon; King of Peace; Lili Marie; Noonday Sun; Peggy; Rebel and Two Bid.

6. Ascot Stakes (2nd Sec.), 1 Mile: Concor (147); Fultubster (147); Forever Spring (147); Fortune Field (147); Glatia Lake (147); Good News (147); Happy Farmers (147); Honey Dew (147); Jemina (147); Mimi (147); Oldshoes (147); Reputation (147); The Hopeful (147) and Yacal (147).
7. Doncaster Stakes (2nd Sec.), 1 Mile: Blacksmith (152); Gypsy Power (147); Baren (147); Big Bluff (147); Green Velvet (147); Happy Return (147); Hop Yik (147); Jasmijn (147); Kolinsky (147); Lucky Jane (147); Morning Sky (147); Racing Queen (147); Speed Wheel (147); Sun-kiss (147) and Treasurer (147).
8. Hurst Park Handicap (2nd Sec.), Class 3: 5 Furlongs: Avalon Crown Witness; Golden Dragon; Herole Lassie; Jeep Shing; Kentucky Moon; King of Peace; Lili Marie; Noonday Sun; Peggy; Rebel and Two Bid.

SCORPIONS XI

The following will represent the HKCC "Scorpions" in their league cricket encounter with Indian Recreation Club at Soekunpo on Saturday morning.

J. E. Richardson (Captain), O. J. Kerr, L. F. Stokes, D. H. Leach, J. N. MacLeod, F. Howarth, J. D. Clague, R. H. Hughes, E. F. Goe, A. P. Weir and G. B. Gibbons.

The following have been selected to represent IBC XI in a league cricket match HKCC at Soekunpo on Saturday, February 19, commencing at 1.45 p.m.
A. R. Abner (Capt), A. J. Arculli, A. K. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, S. H. Khan, A. B. Kishor, A. R. Minu, J. M. Omar, M. H. Raza, M. Samy and M. S. Sultana.
Umpire—G. L. Butt.
Score—A. R. Abner, 11.

Rowan, who scored a century in the second Test and was out for a fighting knock of 80.

England's declaration in their second innings left South Africa in a broken over, one before tea and another after, his victims being Viljoen, who made 63, and South Africa's captain, Dudley Nourse, who made a century in the first innings. This time he only scored one.

Big Stand

In the morning Hutton, continuing his innings was out for 123 when England, going for their last four second innings wickets in adding 57 in 50 minutes before declaring.

England claimed an early wicket when Bruce Mitchell was caught off Gladwin after scoring six runs.

Hopes of forcing a win, however, were checked by Eric Rowan and Ken Viljoen, who put on 113 runs for the second wicket. Then, Viljoen, just before tea was taken, was bowled by Watkins.

Rowan and Viljoen, while not hitting fast enough to give South Africa a win, nevertheless played the correct type of cricket in the circumstances, against bowling that never became loose.

In fact a period of maiden overs in the middle of the afternoon took some of the interest from the game as the score fell well behind the clock.

Bad Light

Rowan was not out 80 at tea when South Africa still needed 240 runs in 105 minutes, if they were to win.

There was little hope of a definite result as the minutes ticked away and a 15 minutes' hold-up for bad light after tea did not help.

Watkins had claimed another wicket just after the last interval when he bowled the first innings centurion and South African captain, Dudley Nourse, for one run, but Rowan continued to bat stubbornly. He lost Wade at 183, but then played out time with Harris as partner and carried his bat for 88 not out.

The final score-board—

England: 379 and 253 for 7 declared.
South Africa: First Innings 257 for 9 declared.

Second Innings

Mitchell, c. Compton, b. Gladwin	6
E. Rowan, not out	83
Viljoen, b. Watkins	63
Nourse, b. Watkins	1
Wade lbw, b. Bedser	27
Harris, not out	10
Extras	10
Total (for 4)	104

Bowling
O M R W
Bedser 17 3 54 1
Gladwin 10 3 39 1
Jenkins 9 2 20 —
Compton 8 2 35 —
Young 11 0 14 —
Watkins 2 0 16 2
Extras—Byes 7, legbyes 1, no-balls 2.—Reuter.

Recreio Beat KCC Shuttlers

Recreio beat KCC 6-1 in the postponed league match in the Senior Mixed Doubles Division played off on Tuesday.

Results of the league matches in the "Recreio" Division, which were played on Wednesday, were—

SECTION I
St. Teresa's "A" lost to Kowloon Tong "A" 3-5.

SECTION II
Recreio beat St. Teresa's "B" 9-0. Kowloon Tong "B" lost to Chin-chai "A" 2-7.

On the charge of having a bad game, a defendant was fined \$35, with an additional \$10 for spitting.

KHALSA HOCKEY XI

The following have been selected to represent the Khalsa Sports Club in a Hockey Association fixture against the Cable & Wireless Hockey XI on the "Y" Ground, on Sunday, February 20, at 10 a.m. sharp.

Lt. Singh, A. E. P. Guest, Subedar Bhagat Singh, Balwant Singh, M. H. Hassan, Pritham Singh, G. W. P. Guest, B. Gosain, Mickey Ram, J. S. Dillon and U. S. Dillon.

Cricket Carnival Week-End Promised; Recreio Favoured

(By "MID ON")

Optimists vs Recreio; Scorpions vs Indians. Sounds like a cricket carnival week-end, and so it should turn out to be, unless the glorious uncertainty of the game takes a hand and spoils everything for everybody.

But there it is, two grand games on the programme and every indication of Mr. Weatherman being at his best: behaviour after the wash-out last Saturday.

Difficult though it would be to make any predictions when four teams like the above are matched, I would make bold to tip Recreio and Scorpions for the points.

As far as I can make out, all the four teams will be at full strength. Recreio, with championship honours at stake, will go all out to win and, as I said before, I feel they will. The advantage of playing on their own ground will not weigh too much in favour

of Optimists as I am, rather of the opinion that both Eddio Gosano and "Spotty" Pereira, Recreio's opening bowlers, will find the wicket to their liking.

For their game against Scorpions at Soekunpo, India RC will be strengthened by the inclusion of "Fatty" Minu who is bowling as well as ever. I hear, though, that Khalsa Nazarin will be taking a day-off and this will no doubt weaken their batting. On the adjoining ground, Army will be at home to Craigsgower and should win. They will have to it they want to remain in the race for championship honours, and unless they collapse unaccountably, like they did against the Indians a fortnight ago, they should.

Kowloon 2d XI meet RAF at Cox's Road. This is indifferent showing to date notwithstanding. I tip the home team for a win, while Recreio seconds engage King George V School in a friendly and should win. On Sunday, Indian RC 2d XI meet Hong Kong Land Forces (away) in a friendly which should be a very close affair.

Members of the Indian Recreation Club will be glad to learn that Mr. A.R.H. Esmail, the popular local cricketer, has kindly consented to defray the expenses in the extension of the club house.

Hearing Of Conspiracy Charge Fixed

The afternoons of February 28 and March 1 were fixed by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, on the application of Detective Sub-Inspector D. H. Taylor, of Kowloon CID Headquarters, at Kowloon yesterday for hearing of the charges of possession of arms and ammunition and conspiracy to murder against four Chinese.

Lo Tim, partner of the Chui Tung Hong Transportation Co. of 2 Main Road, Shatin, his two sons, Sung Sing and Lo Lank, and his cattle agent, Yau Toi, are alleged to have attempted to murder by shooting, Yau Toi at Shatin on January 23.

They are further accused of being in possession of a .38 Colt revolver and six rounds of ammunition, a .38 Smith and Wesson revolver and five rounds of .38 long ammunition, at Shatin on the following day.

On their alleged victim, Yau Toi alias Yau Wan-tai, 38-year-old merchant of the same address, received eight gunshot wounds, he was detained at the Kowloon Hospital since the day of the shooting. At one time, it was thought that he would succumb to his injuries and a dying deposition was taken.

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No Spitting? Not For This Hawker

Man Ying, a 57-year-old hawker, was not one who believed in the "No Spitting" signs displayed everywhere, but including police stations, but rather in his right to spit when and where he pleased.

According to Sub-Inspector H. Evans, when Man Ying, himself before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of spitting, Man was among a crowd of hawkers arrested during a hawker's raid.

He was in the hawkers' office at the Shamshui Police Station, being offered bail of \$40 by Sub-Inspector Harvey, when he spat on the floor.

He was immediately booked on the new charge, and asked to furnish an additional \$20 bail, said St. Evans.

On the charge of having a bad game, a defendant was fined \$35, with an additional \$10 for spitting.

Musical Programme At Lusitano

Some of the best talents of the local Portuguese community were featured in a sparkling programme of musical entertainment organised by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, held in the Salao de Clubes at the Club Lusitano yesterday.

The programme of solo, vocal and instrumental items spread over a wide range of variety, kept the audience in an enthusiastic mood for more than one hour.

Mr. Tancanto and his orchestra began the evening with Chopin's "Nocturne" in a swing. Warned by the reception which greeted them the band continued with many excellent jazz pieces which showed each man to be the master of his own instrument.

The Colony's popular tenor, Gaston d'Aquino chose "Espresso Gentile" for his number and followed his inevitable encore with "La Donna el Mobile".

Piano solos were provided by Mr. M.A. Silas and Dr. H.L. Ozorio.

Mr. Silas entertained with his double-bass playings. With his left hand he gave "Here's a Long Long Trail a-Winding" and with his right, "Keep the Home Fires Burning".

He then said that it was a common belief that a jazz player makes a poor classicalist. He said that he would explode the belief by playing Mendelssohn's "Spring Song" in its original mood, and then singing it.

Little Xavier (My Hero form "Chocolate Soldier"), and Irene Osmund ("Mother M-Crea" and "Mighty Lok a Rose") were two charming vocalists.

Violin solos were contributed by Eliso Alves (Indian Summer and Black Gypsy) and L. King (Souvenir).

Election At Y's Men's Club

Officials for 1949 were elected at the General Meeting of the Y's Men's Club at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday.

Mr. Wellington Hale was appointed president; Mr. T.Y. Li, Vice-President; Mr. Y.O. Lee, 2nd Vice-President; Mr. S.H. Chang, Secretary and Mr. Lam Chai-sun, Treasurer.

The newly elected directors included Messrs. K.S. Fung, W.A. Graham, C.C. Lin, Wong Kam-ping, Frank Kwok and Albert Chan. A meeting of the directors will be held on February 21 at 7 p.m. at the residence of Mr. Ho Shiu-kei, District Governor.

Dr. F. T. Tsang motioned a vote of thanks and congratulated the outgoing president, Mr. Lam Chai-sun, at the end of the meeting held concurrently with the Club's weekly luncheon.

Toastmasters Club Advocated

The formation of a Toastmasters Club in Hong Kong was revealed by Mr. F. E. Skinner at the Kowloon Rotary Club weekly luncheon yesterday.

Mr. Skinner, a visiting Rotarian from Hong Kong, spoke of the aims and objects of the organization, a movement which originated in the United States and which has now more than 600 clubs throughout the world.

In an appeal for more members for the Hong Kong Club, the speaker said the movement was aimed chiefly at speech education and at training people to be on their feet at any moment and express themselves most effectively to an audience.

Membership in a single club is mostly confined to not more than 30 persons, so as to give each one ample opportunity to express himself at the club's weekly meetings.

The speaker was thanked by Rotarian A. A. Dand.

Four new members were inducted into the Kowloon Rotary Club yesterday. They were Mr. L. Starke, Acting Director of the Royal Observatory; Mr. Eugene Joffe of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd.; Mr. H. F. Shields, well known dental surgeon; and Flight Lieutenant William Bastin.

After the induction ceremony Mr. Shields announced that in response to President F. O. Gomo's appeal, he would donate a dental chair and three yards of rubber cloth to the Kowloon Trachoma Clinic which is sponsored by the Kowloon Rotary Club.

President Gomo extended a welcome to visiting Rotarians H. M. Monteiro from Macao; Wilfred Wong, J. Muckle and E. S. Lick from Shanghai; President D. S. Hill, K. Noble, H. W. Sutton and D. L. Strellett from Hong Kong.

Among the distinguished guests present were the General Officer Commanding, Hong Kong, Major General F. R. G. Matthews, and Mr. H. H. Rankine, Australian Trade Commissioner.

Others present included Messrs. F. W. Kendall, G. K. K. K. C. Crofton, P. Collins and Ho Pak.

Men Plead Not Guilty To Charge

Five men pleaded not guilty to a charge of intimidation preferred on them by a taxi driver, Choi Fuk-sam, when the case came before Mr. A. D. Scholes for the first hearing at Kowloon yesterday.

The alleged offence was the result of the recent taxi strike in the Colony, which arrived at a settlement in January.

Defendants, and Chan, Yuen-chol, Chu Kam-shui, So Pak-wai, Wong Kam-wai, and Wong Ping-chong. The first defendant is additionally charged with assault on the complainant.

They are all being defended by Mr. C.A.S. Russ; Detective Sub-Inspector Summers is prosecuting.

The case was that complainant was putting his taxi into the garage at Kimberley road when the defendants then picked up the taxi and drove off.

The complainant first to give evidence, said that on January 24, his taxi was blocked by an illegal vehicle which was carrying defendants.

The men then came out and surrounded him. They all accused him of being cheeky and one of them threatened to kill him the next time they met. Another was alleged to have said that if complainant continued to be cheeky he would beat him up.

Being alarmed at the threats, witness said, he went to the Tai-Tai Tsiu Police Station and made a report.

Cross examined by Mr. Russ, Choi said that he was a newly employed driver and had been given the job during the taxi strike.

He denied that he had, upon arriving at Kimberley Road, made threats that pickets (defendants) should wear their armlets to demonstrate their story.

Witness insisted that he was intimidated without provocation. Hearing was adjourned to this afternoon.

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